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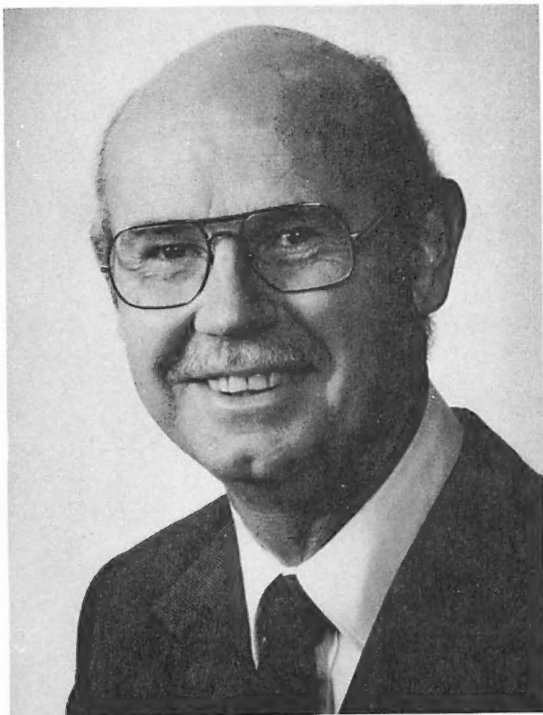
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Lay Life and Work: Marianne Inman	Lay Leader: Marion Gotschall
Native Ministries:	Superintendent: Thom Fassett
CCYM: Glenn Getz	United Methodist Women: Mary Lou Lawhorn
At Large Members: Chuck Nowlen, Dennis Holway, Barbara Shaffer	
(Ex officio, GCOM Member) Larry Bennett	

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Grace Akiyama	Arthur Knight	Keith Wise
Lonnie Brooks	Tom Scarborough	
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Members at Large: Joyce Nouwens, Leah Senungetuk, Phyllis Harris, Eric Anderson, Cait Dixon

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Hilda Ashcraft  
Thom Fassett  
David Fison

Laurel Langenwaller  
Sally Lowery  
Jamie Murray

John Shaffer  
Chuck Young

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Mary Anderson  
Carol Benoit  
Priscilla Clark  
Esther Combs

Thom Fassett  
Aleen Fison  
Sophie Nothstein  
John Pitney  
Nick Sacaloff

Kevin Seckel  
Joe Senungetuk  
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CCOM Coordinator: Glenna Getz  
Conference Secretary: Keith Wise  
Lay Leader: Marion Gotschall  
Conference Supt.: Thom Fassett

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UMW President: Mary Lou Lawhorn  
Worship Chairperson: John Forney

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Vice-Chp: Kim Doverspike  
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Marion Gotschall  
Dennis Holway  
Barbara Shaffer

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Judith Bither-Terry  
Jack Christian

Debbie Pitney  
John Tindell  
Bill Trudeau

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Thom Fassett

Kim Doverspike  
Ken Hepner

### 7. PASTOR/SPOUSE RETREAT COMMITTEE

Blythe Stanton: Convenor  
Judy Bither-Terry

Art Edwards  
Chuck Nowlen

Ann Still  
Bee Tindell

### 8. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Jack Christian

Charles Cranston  
Thom Fassett

Mary Hawkins  
Walt Hays

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Lee Nelson: Western Alaska

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Vice Chair: Verda Carey  
Family and Church: Jon Langenwaller  
Health and Welfare: Judy Bither-Terry

Hunger Task Force: Ann and Billy Still  
(Ex-officio, Gen. Bd. Mbr.) John Shaffer  
(Ex-officio, Gen. Bd. Mbr.) Lincoln Saito

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Doris Broschat

Roland Stanton  
Marion Gotschall

Art Knight  
Mel Vostry

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Billy Still  
Merle Jantz

Beverly Bowers  
Ty Curtis  
Mary Lou Lawhorn

Keith Wise  
Leo McGlothlin  
Leo Wescott

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Billy Still	Chuck Nowlen
Dick Heacock	Jim Buffington
Blythe Stanton	Thom Fassett
Marion Gotschall	Glenn Getz (CCYM) with vote
Barbara Shaffer	Lonnie Brooks (CCF&A) without vote
Carol Seckel	Glenna Getz (Staff) without vote
Carolyn Crouch	National Division (Staff) without vote
Susan Smalley	Representative of Native Ministry Committee to be named with vote

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Thom Fassett		

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Communications: Ty Curtis	Education: John Washburn
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Worship: John Forney	Youth Advisor: Dennis Holway
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(Ex-officio, Gen. Bd. Higher Ed. Min.)	Diane Froula

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Dick Heacock		

**18. EQUITABLE SALARY**

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John Pitney	Jim Walton	Bradley Wade
Carol Seckel	Hoyt Cole	

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Chairperson: Janet Kussart	New Church Developing
Vice Chair: Karen Carlisle	Committee: Bob Smay
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Native Ministries: Esther Combs	(Ex-officio, Gen. Bd. Mbr.) Barbara Shaffer

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Billy Butts	Julia Smith
Glen Getz	Jim Buffington
Judy Bither-Terry	

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Board of Ord. Min.: Jim Buffington	Ty Curtis
Mary Lou Hollett	Joe Alter
Bradley Wade	

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Susan Bus	Jim Dorn
Doug Swanson	Mbrs. At Large: Frank Maier
Pat Gorman	Mission Supt.: Thom Fassett

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<b>Beverly Bowers</b>	<b>Dennis Holway</b>
<b>Paul Waggoner</b>	<b>Deedee Clark</b>
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**Brad Sworts** **Bob Wells**
  
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**Ron Rucker** **Hope Turpin**
  
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First	Arlene Wood
Jewel Lake	Bob Smay, Carolyn Crouch alt. for Leroy Clark
St. John	Mary Lou Campbell
South Anchorage	Karen Carlisle, Esther Davidson, alt.
Turnagain	Chris Brooks
Chugiak	Verda Carey
Douglas	Billy Butts
Fairbanks, First	Kim Doverspike
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Homer	Grace Akiyama
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Ketchikan	David Means, Roland Stanton
Moose Pass	
Ninilchik	
Nome	Priscilla Ringenburg
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North Pole	Jim Anderson, alt. for Robert Wells
Parks Highway Parish	Pat Merrill, alt. for John Damazio
Seward	Carol Benoit
Sitka	Julia Smith
Soldotna	Leo Wescott

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CCOM Coordinator	Glenna Getz
Chancellor	Tom Dahl
Lay Leader	Marion Gotschall
United Methodist Women	Mary Lou Lawhorn
CCYM President	Glenn Getz
CCYM Members	Joyce Nouwens
	Leah Senungetuk
President CF&A	Roland Stanton

## C. AGENCY MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE

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## IV. DAILY PROCEEDINGS

### THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 2

**WORSHIP SERVICE** — Rev. Richard Hom was the worship leader. Jim and Jean Strathdee provided music leadership. Dr. Roy Sano, guest speaker, presented the message: "A Consciousness Reshaped: Prevailers as Prophets." John Tindell led the Memorial Service. (See Section X.)

**ORGANIZATION OF THE CONFERENCE** — Bishop McConnell extended greetings to all present and led the Conference in the singing of the hymn, "And Yet Are We Alive."

Greetings were given to: Dr. Roy Sano, conference guest speaker, Jim and Jean Strathdee, conference music leaders, Mary Lou Hollet, conference office administrative assistant, Jon Langenwalter, host pastor, and expressions of thanks to the host church, Chugiak United Methodist Church, Dr. Son, National Division Executive Secretary, Ethnic and Language Ministries, David Blackburn and spouse Mona. Greetings to those who have recently joined the conference: Kevin and Carol Seckel, Charles and Phyllis Nowlen, Jon and Laurel Langenwalter, Ken and Sara Hepner, John and Cheryl Washburn. Greetings were extended to all lay members of the conference. The conference secretary noted that greetings have been sent to: Bishop and Blanche Sparks, Bishop and Margi Tuell, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Groves, Gordon Gould, Ac and Irene Wischmeier, and the Annual Conferences of the Western Jurisdiction.

The bar of the Conference was established to include the pew area of the sanctuary.

**RULES COMMITTEE** — Marion Gotschall reported on proposed changes in the Conference rules: A,1, Convening — Conference planning committee — add: Worship Chairperson, Conference President of UMW, Conference CCOM Coordinator.

A,2, Membership — Substitute the word membership for the word representation.

A,4, Lay Member at Large — Due to the ruling by the Judicial Council of the UMC: delete "two clergy-spouse elected by the clergy-spouse caucus, one representative selected from and by the Tongan Fellowship of the Anchor Park UMC." The above changes were approved. A new Section G, Finances, was removed from consideration by the motion of Art Edwards. This section was removed and to be presented later to the Conference under the rules of the first meeting day. The motion was approved.

**CONFERENCE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** was presented by Ed Stanton (See Reports). Roland Stanton presented an overview of the report of the Council on Finance and Administration. Dennis Holway described the petition process and the method of reviewing the petitions by committees and their return to the floor of the conference. Bishop McConnell presented the balloting procedures for electing delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences.

### THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 2

Bishop McConnell led the Bible Study.

#### AGENCY REPORTS

**NOME COMMUNITY CENTER** — John Alder reviewed the work of the agency in three areas: Youth services, senior citizens, and community recreation programs.

**ALASKA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY** — President Glenn Olds gave the report. Dr. Eva Olds invited members of the Conference to visit the campus and the President's house which has recently been constructed on the campus (see Reports).

**WESLYAN NURSING HOME** — Judy Bither-Terry reported that the seventy residents are receiving the best care in this facility.

**UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY MINISTRY** — David Fison, Chaplain, shared the need for continued support of this ministry in the Anchorage area.

**UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY** — Chuck Young, director, noted the outreach of this ministry at the Fairbanks campus.

**CCOM REPORT** — Dennis Holway presented a slide report on the work of the CCOM in the

past and coming years. Marion Gotschall moved that a Heritage emphasis be held at the 1984 Annual Conference session to celebrate the United Methodist Bicentennial. This motion was approved.

**RELIGION AND RACE** — Lincoln Saito shared the concerns of the oil development impact on native communities and culture. The General Commission on Religion and Race has committed funds for a study of this impact in the Bethel area (see Reports.)

**BALLOT NO. 1** was taken for lay and clergy delegates to General Conference.

**GENERAL COMMITTEES** — The four committees met and reviewed the petitions.

#### THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 2

**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION** — The music for the service was written by Jim Strathee. A combined choir from Chugiak, East Anchorage, First, St. John, and Turnagain churches presented musical portions of the service. Bishop McConnell's sermon was titled "Hello in Exile."

**RECEPTION** — Langenwalters' home was open for fellowship.

#### FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE 3

**WORSHIP** — Liturgists were from the Sitka United Methodist Church. Dr. Roy Sano's message was "Prophets as Priests: Dispersal People in Mission."

**BALLOT NO. 1** — There were no elections. **BALLOT NO. 2** was taken. Dr. Mary McConnell was greeted by the Conference. Bridget Hogan, Volunteer In Mission at New Hope Church, North Pole was introduced. Greetings were read from Claude Klaver and Jim Davis. Jim LaBau presented the report, Outdoor Ministries and Camping. It was moved by Dennis Holway to endorse the statement of philosophy for Outdoor Ministries. The motion carried. Dick Heacock moved that the AMC endorse the CCOM to proceed with a search for funding in the amount of \$33,000 for development of comprehensive master plans for Outdoor Ministries in Alaska. The motion was referred to CFA. John Forney moved that the process and substance of the report be affirmed. The motion carried. John Shaffer moved to commend Jim LaBau and the committee for their dedication to this task during the past year. The motion was adopted (see Reports).

**CONFERENCE WIDE PLANNING** — Barbara Shaffer presented the proposal for conference wide planning with a steering committee and request for funding from the conference in the amount of \$3,000. It was moved by Bill Trudeau to approve the proposal as presented. Dick Heacock moved to table this item. The motion to table was approved.

**EQUITABLE SALARY** — John Tindell gave the report for the Commission. The recommendations of the Commission were approved (see Recommendations). Jon Langenwaller moved that the Commission study the implications which I Timothy 5:17-18 and Galatians 6:6 have on the subject of equitable salary and report back to the next Annual Session regarding the theological implications of these passages, and a plan to effectively implement that theology in a realistic way within the AMC. The motion was adopted.

**NEW CHURCH DEVELOPING COMMITTEE** — Chairperson Bob Smay presented the report. Recommendations for priorities for new church development were listed. The opportunities for a Korean ministry in Anchorage were discussed. Bob Smay moved that the New Church Developing Committee engage in a New Ministries Campaign, Phase II, to raise \$15,000 in a matching funds program with the National Division for the start of Korean ministry, September, 1983, and for an additional \$135,000 to fund future new church development and specialized congregational ministries. This Phase II campaign is to last two years, beginning October 1, 1983. It is to be conducted by the New Church Developing Committee. Art Edwards moved that the motion be referred to CFA. The motion for referral was approved.

The Tindell motion to go on record to affirm the general concept of new church development and the new Korean Ministry was adopted.

**BALLOT NO. 2** — There was no election. **BALLOT NO. 3** was taken.

**BISHOP'S BIBLE STUDY**

**BOARD OF PENSIONS** — Barbara Shaffer reported on the pension program. The rate of \$210 per service year for past service is the recommended level of support for 1984. The motion to adopt all the recommendations was approved (see Recommendations).

**RULES COMMITTEE** — Marion Gotschall presented the proposed rules for the conference to manage funds that are currently administered by the National Division for the purpose of pastors' moving, furlough, emergency travel, and local church insurance subsidy. The proposed rule is a new category, "G. Finances." Dick Heacock moved to amend Section 1.D. to read "The Conference will pay for the shipping of up to 2,000 pounds of books per family by the most favorable postal book rate." The amendment was approved.

Chuck Nowlen moved to amend Section E to read following the first sentence: "In cases where a parsonage is not furnished according to the Conference standards the local church/employing agency in consultation with the personnel involved will pay the cost of shipping of any extra furniture, etc. that may be needed. In the non-self supporting churches the moving cost will be divided between the local church and the annual conference in the same proportion as the salary is divided." The amendment was approved.

Section 2. **FURLOUGH**, C. John Shaffer proposed an amendment to keep this section as printed in the pre-conference journal. The amendment passed.

Dick Heacock moved that this document be referred as amended to the CCOM and the CFA for further study in relation to the inequities which may be inherent in this document. This is to be printed in the Pre-Conference Handbook, 1984 along with the original document which is now in effect. The motion was approved for referral.

**BALLOT NO. 3** — no election. **BALLOT NO. 4** was taken.

- A. Organization, 4, Sec. 8, on page 63 of the 1982 Journal is to be amended by substituting the word "shall" for the "may" in two places of this section. The amendment was approved.

Art Edwards moved that the Committee on Reference and Counsel present a proposal to the 1984 session of Conference to specify the number of members which shall be allocated to each of the institutions currently related to the Conference. The motion carried.

**BALLOT NO. 4** — Clergy elected Bill Trudeau as the delegate to General Conference. Lay members did not elect. **BALLOT NO. 5** was taken.

**PETITIONS —**

**Petition No. 13** — Counseling for Professional ministry amended to read \$2,000 for the first year. Referred to CFA.

**Petition No. 10** — Lifetime membership in the NAACP. Referred to CFA.

**Petition No. 21** — Motion to adopt by amending part 2 to read: We hold governments responsible for the protection for the rights of the people to the freedoms of speech, religion, assembly, communications media, petition for redress of grievances without fear of reprisal.

**Petition No. 23** — The World Community was adopted.

**Petition No. 12** — Conference-wide Human Sexuality Enterprise Program for all age levels. It was adopted.

**BALLOT NO. 5** — Deborah Pitney was elected as second clergy delegate. Lay persons elected Barbara Shaffer as the Lay Delegate to General Conference. **BALLOT NO. 6** was taken.

**BALLOT NO. 6** — The clergy elected Jim Buffington as the first alternate. Marion Gotschall was elected as the Lay Delegate to Jurisdictional Conference. **BALLOT NO. 7** was taken.

**Petition No. 2** — Conference accounting policies. Adopted as amended.

**Petition No. 3** — Publication of Conference financial statements. Adopted as amended.

**Petition No. 6** — Substitute Petition No. 19 was adopted for Petition No. 6.

**Petition No. 7** — Alaska Housing Ministries. Adopted pending an opinion of the Chancellor of the Conference, Tom Dahl.

**Petition No. 8** — Gifts and Graces Bureau. Adopted as corrected.

**Petition No. 26** — Missional Priority. It was moved that this petition be brought to the

floor because this Petition did not receive concurrence in committee. A substitute was presented, adopted, and then the petition was tabled.

Petition No. 24 — Pastor-Parish Relations Committee. Adopted.

Petition No. 25 — Amendment to Paragraph 36 of Constitution of UMC. Adopted as corrected.

Petition No. 16 — Oil Development in the Norton Sound. Amended and adopted. Religion and Race will send letters of encouragement.

Leah Senungetuk wrote the following words in response to this issue:

Your black gold which comes from my garden  
This black gold which drives my people crazy, will soon wipe out my people  
If you're not careful you will spill it, then leave it  
You say nothing will happen, just as you said to your  
own white brother, but you failed them  
Can me or my people trust your holy white leaders, after what  
their fore-fathers did to my brother, the Indian  
You used my brothers land then you left it life-less  
and it died  
Then you sent them where hunting is not good,  
and now you want that land back  
My brothers try to fight you,  
you just turn them away  
Will you do the same to me?

Petition No. 17 — TV programming in Alaska. Adopted as amended.

The Petition was further amended to read: A special task force named by the CCOM would be encouraged to cooperate with other churches and groups.

BALLOT NO. 7 — The lay members elected Roland Stanton as the first alternate. The clergy had no election. BALLOT NO. 8 was taken.

BALLOT NO. 8 — The lay members elected Lee Willis as second alternate.

### FRIDAY EVENING, JUNE 3

The Conference met at Alaska Children's Service in Anchorage. A delicious dinner was served by the women of Saint Innocent Orthodox Cathedral. The Board of ACS presented awards to several members of the Board and special guests. Thom White Wolf Fassett was introduced to the Conference by Bishop McConnell. Bea Shepard presented a slide presentation, "Part II — History of the Alaska Missionary Conference" (see Reports).

### SATURDAY MORNING, JUNE 4

WORSHIP — The United Methodist Women were the leaders of worship. Thom Fassett spoke on the topic: "Who do you say that I am?"

BALLOT NO. 8 — Clergy ballot, no election. BALLOT NO. 9 was taken.

Petition No. 7 — Alaska Housing Ministry. Tom Dahl, Conference Chancellor, noted that since the Conference would elect nominees to be elected by the Board of Alaska Housing Ministry, there would be no legal responsibility which would revert to the Conference as in the case of the former Pacific Homes litigation. Petition No. 7 was affirmed.

Petition No. 1 — Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Concerns. This is a change in the conference rules and needed a 2/3 majority vote. It was adopted.

Petition No. 9 — Advocacy for the Poor. Adopted and requested to be properly filed as Petition to General Conference.

Petition No. 4 — Non-concurrence by the committee.

Petition No. 11 — Foundation Course of Studies for Diaconal Ministry. Adopted.

Petition No. 20 — U. S. Catholic Bishop's Pastoral Letter. Adopted.

Petition No. 26 — Missional Priority for 1984-1988.

The Nowlen substitute petition was adopted and amended. Jon Langenwalter moved a substitute motion. This was adopted and amended. The second substitute was finally approved.

Petition No. 10 — Life Time membership in the NAACP.

The motion was amended by Bob Smay to read: "We make a \$100 contribution to NAACP with funds from reserves. A motion to table until later in the session was approved.

Petition No. 13 — Counseling for Professional Ministry.

The motion was brought from the table. Roland Stanton reported from CFA with the motion that \$1,000 be the funding level and if the funds are not used within the year, the funds carry over to the next year. The motion was adopted as amended.

**OUTDOOR MINISTRY** — The CFA approved the request for the search for funding in the amount of \$33,000. The report of the committee was adopted.

**NEW CHURCH DEVELOPING COMMITTEE** — The CFA approved the request for funding \$15,000 in a matching funds program with the National Division for the start of a Korean ministry in September, 1983, including a special appeal. The motion to adopt this project was approved.

Greetings are to be sent to the new Korean congregation and to be read at their first meeting.

**BALLOT NO. 9** — Clergy vote. There was no election. **BALLOT NO. 10** was taken.

**WORLD HUNGER SKIT** was given by Jan Kussart and David Blackburn.

**LUNCH**

### **SATURDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 4**

**CONFERENCE WIDE PLANNING** — Barbara Shaffer moved that this item be removed from the table. It was approved. The motion was approved. The CFA was instructed to seek to find the means for funding the \$3,000 (see Reports).

**BALLOT NO. 10** — The clergy did not elect. **BALLOT NO. 11** was taken.

**NEW CHURCH DEVELOPING COMMITTEE** — This agenda item was continued. Dennis Holway moved to delete the portion of the recommendation that referred to past funds raised. It was moved that the Committee begin a Phase II campaign to raise an additional \$135,000 to fund new church development and specialized ministries. Funds are to be used only for programming and pastoral support and not land or building. This Phase II is to last two years, beginning January 1, 1984, and is to be conducted by the New Church Developing Committee. The motion was approved (see Reports).

**Petition No. 10** — Membership in NAACP.

Jim Buffington reported on membership in NAACP. It was moved to amend the motion to give a one-time gift of \$500 to NAACP. Funds are to be from reserves. The amendment failed. The motion to amend by \$100 was approved. The Petition as amended was approved with funds coming from reserves.

**BALLOT NO. 10** — The clergy elected Billy Still as the second alternate. This completed the elections of General and Jurisdictional Conference delegates.

**RULES** — Art Edwards presented proposal B-10. The motion carried by the 2/3 majority vote. Proposal B-11 was amended and was not approved by the 2/3 majority vote. Proposal B-12 was adopted by 2/3 majority vote. (See Rules.)

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF CFA** — Roland Stanton presented the recommendations with changes. The approval of a Golden Cross offering was adopted. The recommendations as corrected were adopted (see Financial Reports).

**BUDGET** — Roland presented the 1984 budget for approval noting correction made as a result of Conference actions. The budget was approved. It was moved to pay the NAACP gift out of 1983 funds and removed this from 1984 budget. It was approved (see Financial Reports).

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE** — Ed Stanton presented the report. Election of members to the nominating committee was by nomination and ballot. The following were elected: Lay — Lee Willis, Bill Butts, Glen Getz, Marion Gotschall, Julia Smith; Clergy — Jim Buffington, Judy Bither-Terry, Bill Trudeau, the Superintendent is the chairperson.

**YOUTH REPORT** — The youth sang a song which invited the Conference to support their youth training program this summer at APU.

**CHURCH AND SOCIETY** — Dick Heacock presented the recommendations. They were adopted. (See Recommendations.)

**CCOM REPORT** — Dennis moved the adoption of the reports of CCOM. They were approved (see Reports).

**BOARD OF DIACONAL MINISTRY** — Priscilla Ringenburg presented the report (see Reports).

The Board recommended the certification of Priscilla Ringenburg, Kim Doverspike, and Cheryl Washburn as Diaconal Ministers. They were approved.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT** — It was moved to increase the membership of the Conference Wide Planning Steering Committee to 16. This was approved.

**CONFERENCE TRUSTEES** — Bea Shepard reported to the Conference and noted the transfer of title of property to local church. The report was adopted (see Reports). Brad Wade moved that the Board of Trustees develop a comprehensive listing of all United Methodist properties owned by the National Division, Women's Division, the Conference, local churches, and any other agency for the Trustee's records to be made available at the Conference Session in 1984. The motion was adopted.

**SPECIALIZED MINISTRIES TASK FORCE** — Bill Trudeau reported on the work of the task force and recommended the addition of two persons to the task force: Glenna Getz and Barb Pfeiffer. The names were approved and the report was accepted (see Reports).

**NEW CHURCH DEVELOPING COMMITTEE** — Bob Smay completed the report. John Tindell reported that discussions are taking place in Juneau with the United Methodist and the United Presbyterians for the formation of a new congregation in the Juneau area.

**ALASKA BUILDERS CLUB** — Brad Wade reported that the committee has just been formed and information is being gathered by the committee. It was moved to adopt the report.

**CFA** — Roland Stanton moved to amend the budget to include the \$6,750 from New Ministries funds to provide assistance for the Parks Highway Ministry. It was adopted that the New Church Developing Committee shall submit budget items to the Conference for approval of expenditures. Bill Trudeau moved that the CFA is to bring to the 1984 Conference recommendations on procedures for expenditures of the new ministries funds and emergency funds for the New Church Developing Committee. The motion was adopted.

The Board of Publications gift of \$234.24 was presented to the conference for Pensions. Christine Brewer and Bishop McConnell presented Billy Still a certificate and pin in recognition of his commissioning as a Home Missionary.

Barbara Shaffer reported that the health insurance policy (HMEP) with the Board of Pensions has informed the Conference of a \$9,000 rebate to be distributed to clergy participants.

Marion Gotschall moved to invite the Conference to the Juneau-Douglas area for the 1984 sessions. The motion was approved.

John Forney requested the Conference Planning Committee to submit a three year plan for scheduling Conference sessions. There was no report.

John Forney moved that the Annual Conference Planning Committee explore the possibility of increasing the business sessions by one day for the 1984 or 1985 sessions. It was adopted.

Art Knight recommended our Bicentennial celebration in 1984 be inclusive of the whole history of the United Methodist Church: Evangelical United Brethren history and its preceding denominations.

John Pitney moved to reconsider the membership on the Steering Committee on Conference Planning due to a lack of an Alaskan Native representative. It was moved to place a Native Alaskan on the Committee with vote.

The Conference Secretary moved that the 12th Session of AMC stands adjourned, sine die, following worship on Sunday, June 5.

#### **SATURDAY EVENING, JUNE 4**

The Conference Banquet was held at Birchwood Camp. A vegetarian dinner was served. Entertainment was provided by the Chugiak UMC. The Denman award to lay persons was

presented to Nu and Halatua Saulala for their work in the Tonga and Samoan ministry at Anchor Park Church. The clergy award was given to Art Edwards, Pastor of Anchor Park Church. Marion Gotschall presented the Laity State of the Church address (see Reports). Bishop McConnell presented the State of the Church address (see Reports). Jack Christian gave the courtesy report by sharing appreciation for those who participated in the Conference sessions. David Fison presented Jim and Jean Strathdee a Christmas totem pole. Ed and Blythe Stanton were honored for their contributions to the Conference over the past five years. A monetary gift and a quilt were presented to Ed and Blythe.

#### SUNDAY MORNING, JUNE 5

**LOVE FEAST** — This fellowship time was held in the Chugiak Church.

**WORSHIP SERVICE** — Members of the Chugiak Church led in worship along with Jim and Jean Strathdee. Thom Fassett was the speaker for the service. Judy Bither-Terry was commissioned as a Home Missionary. Thom Fassett was commissioned as a Home Missionary and installed as the Conference Superintendent. Following the reading of the appointments, a "Liturgy for the Renewal of our Ministries" was shared by clergy, diaconal ministers, home missionaries, and lay persons. The Conference adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

*Calvin D. McConnell*  
Presiding Bishop

*Keith B. Wise*  
Conference Secretary



## V. REPORTS TO THE CONFERENCE

### A. THE STATE OF THE CHURCH IN THE ALASKA MISSIONARY CONFERENCE — 1983

Bishop Calvin D. McConnell

It is a pleasure to share the State of the Church address with Marion Gotschall as conference Lay Leader. This is a significant addition to our understanding of the church as we experience it in relation to the world in which it lives and ministers. The role of the laity in ministry is of great concern to the church today. Both laity and clergy find it necessary — and useful — to engage in the dialogues about the ways in which laity express their vows of church membership through ministry which is appropriate and necessary. Having the Conference Lay Leader share her thinking is a distinctive contribution to the life of our conference.

I want to talk for a few minutes about two aspects of our connectionalism within United Methodism. The reason for this is the involvement which you and I have had within the past few months with the Consultation of the Missionary Conferences of our denomination and the appointment of a new conference superintendent. Representatives from Alaska met with similar persons from Councils of Ministries, United Methodist Women, Lay Leaders, and clergy, and conference superintendents, and bishops from Red Bird Mission, and the Oklahoma Indian Conference. Combining the insights garnered from this experience which was under the auspices of the National Division of the Board of Global Ministries with the process of selecting a new conference superintendent raised to new levels of consciousness the connectional realities and gifts of resourcing and intervention.

The conference as well as the boards and agencies of our church provide excellent resources in almost every area of our religious life: evangelism, worship, educational curriculum and training, stewardship, ethnic ministries, mission outreach, social issues and advocacy. We are probably the most generously resourced church around! Transformation of ministry is possible when a local church or a conference takes advantage of the resources available. For the Alaska Missionary Conference the National Division of the Board of Global Ministries is probably our greatest resource and ally. Resources of personnel, finances, comprehensive planning, church extension, native ministries. It offers us continuity of programming, expansion of our ministry, renewal, and hope.

The other point of connectionalism which combines with resourcing is that of intervention. It comes into action when a congregation can't seem to get its ministry together, or needs a new balance of priorities, aims, and goals; or in offering training and help in new skills or in specific program emphases. Sometimes intervention is seen in moving a minister out of a church to a new appointment. Or it is seen in the life of the conference when the Council on Ministries offers a new program or seminar on the basis of its analysis of needs; or the bishop or the conference superintendent, or National Division suggests that something new and different is needed. Such intervention is sometimes necessary, often helpful, and not always understood or appreciated. Nor is it easily accomplished. However it is usually the response to the quotation, "Ineffectiveness is not a virtue even when practiced by Christians". Just keeping-on keeping-on in the same old ruts and ways is not always effective nor is it a virtue. Intervention is a method of assisting.

The appointment of a conference superintendent is the right of a bishop, and can be viewed both as a means of resourcing the conference and its churches and as an act of intervention designed to set a course of action. It is not entered upon lightly, but rather in a spirit of prayer, analysis of the conference, and not just a little fear! There were basically eight points in my understanding of who was needed in this position. All were kept in mind, and hopefully in balance as I engaged in my search. You might be interested in knowing what they were. I do not necessarily hold Thom Fassett to their fulfillment, nor will I judge him daily by their implementation. They were helpful guides, however to me.

1. A spiritual leader. One who exhibits spiritual depth and whose expression of that reality gives evidence of one's rootage in God in ways that are evident among those with whom he serves. In the one who has been selected I found a strong, vital and rigorous Christian faith combined with an inherent Indian spirituality which brings a richness that nourishes his life and ministry, and will do the same for us.

2. One who is biblically and theologically rooted in ways that are compatible enough with all of us that we can trust him and work comfortably with him, but independently vigorous enough to stretch us and challenge us to evaluate our ways of being faithful, our attitudes and practices, our ways of manifesting our faith through our churches and their ministries.

3. Hopefully an ethnic minority person, preferably Native American or Indian. The desire on my part was to find someone who can enable us to engage in expanded forms of

ministry among the ethnic minority persons in Alaska. This probably can be done most effectively under the guidance of an ethnic minority person because of personal history and involvement and insight that comes only from being such a person in our larger society. We whites cannot engage in ministry among ethnic persons in quite the same way because we can never fully duplicate or understand the experience of being an ethnic minority in America. Ethnicity is a resource to be valued at this time in the history of The United Methodist Church in Alaska.

4. One who can resource us in our values clarification and advocacy. It is useful to have one who has demonstrated ability in discerning the issues of values, ethics, morality, theology in terms of our life together in systems, habitual ways of viewing and doing life, laws, institutions, prejudices, and structures. We can use all the assistance that we can deliberately provide for the Christian community in Alaska in impacting persons, systems, habits, businesses, environmental use, racism, law enactment and enforcement, and in assisting people to experience and express life with dignity and hope.

5. The need of a strong Protestant Christian voice and leader to verbalize a Christian alternative and way of thinking about issues which concern our public sector. One who will spend time with corporate business persons in assisting them to know alternatives, and will spend time in Juneau when the legislature is in session; always verbalizing the stance of a Christian who is concerned about the welfare of persons, and the way in which systems can be enabled to serve the whole public.

6. A conciliator and mediator is needed to fill such a role for it is fraught with difficulty. Advocacy of such a quality as indicated in points 4 and 5 can be confrontational and lead to division and open warfare if it is not handled with sensitivity, and in a spirit of conciliation. This is particularly true if the superintendent would happen to be an ethnic minority person in a church and society which is pervasively populated and controlled by white persons. We need a person with demonstrated skills and experience in listening, and in working-with rather than against persons. One who is able to find ways of creating oneness and unanimity of purpose while maintaining one's own unique principles and values. We have found such a person. I hope we will give the opportunity to demonstrate his well deserved reputation as one of the most skilled arbiters and mediators of our church.

7. The conference superintendent must be a competent administrator, pastor, and superintendent. This is the essential task at its foundation level. Attention to details of structure, the life and health of the local congregations, the interrelatedness of our missionary conference with the National Division, the morale and growth of ministers, and the enablement of the laity in the life of the church and in society are all essential and required. The demonstrated experience and skill at the level of a major board of our church, in addition to a background of operating community centers, counseling center, ministering to churches, operating within the life of a major business corporation should be of help to him and to us!

8. A consideration that would be nice, useful, and to be desired, while not essential or mandatory would be that of having a spouse who would like to operate the Mission House, and enjoy doing it while viewing it as a personal ministry. Fortunately Nancy comes well equipped on all these points, and will follow well in the loving and generous style which we have learned to appreciate in Blythe Stanton.

A final word needs to be said about the person to fill this position. It could have been a minister who was currently serving in Alaska, or one who had served at one time, it could have been a former District Superintendent who would bring those skills, it could have been someone who had never worked or travelled in Alaska, it could have been an ethnic minority person or a white, and it could have been a woman as well as a man.

The choice was made, and the Committee on the Superintendency agreed with me in my nomination to them. So if the above-listed qualifications don't scare Thom White Wolf Fassett off we will commission him and install him tomorrow morning. He will take his place in the distinguished succession of conference superintendents who have served us well.

I watched a TV special on the life of John Huston, Silver Star winner, for his direction of such memorable films as Red Badge of Courage, Maltese Falcon, Moby Dick, African Queen, Night of the Iguana, and others. It was a fascinating show of film making, philosophy, drama, and the measure of a man. At the conclusion of the documentary Huston reminisced a bit about his early days of film making. He recounted a situation that he had when he was filming his first film as a director. He had the first scene ready to shoot. All the actors were in place, cameras, lights, sound equipment all were ready. But nothing was happening. Everyone was just standing around — in place — but not acting. They all seemed to be waiting for something, said Huston, and he didn't know what they were waiting for. An assistant director, with more experience in such things, leaned over to him and said, "Say 'ACTION' ". He did. And it all started immediately. The lights went on, the cameras began running, the actors began talking. We sometimes get the feeling that we are waiting for

someone to say "ACTION" to us so that we can move more effectively as Christians and as a church. Well, friends, HE has already said it. Let's act!

## B. LAITY ADDRESS — STATE OF THE CHURCH

Marion Gotschall, Conference Lay Leader

My prayer as I begin is that I find words instead of tears at this moment. There is a wonderful book that women in this Conference have been reading called, "Woman, Survivor in the Church". The author says that the reason women are called to tears so readily is that they are not used to articulating their thoughts, opinions and feelings.

As a woman who has been surrounded by men all my life, I'm very comfortable with men and they have spoken for me for a long time. When I spoke it was words I had gotten from them. Well, I've done some practicing on my husband and my sons and some close friends but it is very difficult to express my thoughts and opinions before a large group. I affirm those women among us who have shared so eloquently to us this week.

What I have discovered through reading and discussion and trying my wings is that my perceptions are valid though different from those who have spoken for me in the past. The Chinese have a saying "Women hold up half the sky". That says to me that we need everyone's perceptions and efforts. We need, the church needs, this collective wisdom.

This may be the first time in Alaska Missionary Conference history that the laity has been so bold as to define the state of the church. But that is the state of the church. The laity are coming forth to claim their rightful place in the ministry alongside the clergy. Grassroots movements are springing up everywhere in every arena of society and the church is one of them.

The church began as a lay movement that involved both women and men. The church has been maintained by lay people. The United Methodist Church began as a movement where laity carried major responsibilities in the early societies while itinerant clergy made the rounds. We haven't sung the praises of that ministry very often. Annual Conference meetings were designed for nurturing, educating and assigning clergy. The laity stayed home and kept the church running.

Bishop Asbury, in the 1796 Discipline asked, "Why are not lay delegates sent to those conferences from each of the circuits? He answered by saying that to send delegates to the legislative conferences would utterly destroy the itineracy. Lay delegates would be concerned with the interests of the constituents.

Lay persons, by their very nature would not be able to enter impartially into the good of the whole — they would try to get the best, most able and lively preachers for their own circuits. They would not enter into the apostolic spirit which would endeavor, at whatever sacrifice, to make all things tally."

Asbury goes on to say that lay persons would interrupt the itinerant system and plead for a settled ministry. The ministerial members come each year to be told where they'll be sent and are willing to run anywhere on errands for the Lord."

I think that's an interesting bit of history to think about. There are many issues facing the church and itineracy continues to be one of them. These issues have been before us at this Conference in recent years. There is no point in blaming — only we must all work on the solutions.

One gets a sense of history about this Conference after attending for a few years. It hasn't been too long ago that all Conference offices were held by clergy. United Methodist Women had predominantly clergy wives in office. I have wondered if lay people really have felt much ownership in the ministry. The way we have scheduled meetings; the language we've used; the majority of the business we've done; what part of the money given in pledges goes to mission (which is voluntary) and what maintains the institution (that is required); the way we order our celebrations; how we view and encourage leadership; makes me feel at times like a second-class citizen.

I've served on the Continuing Consultation Committee for three years now and most of what we've discussed has been the policy manual for this Conference. That is mostly on the care and feeding of clergy. We haven't spent a great deal of time on our shared ministry. I'm not saying I've been unwilling to do this, I'm just stating a fact.

The most recent Joint Consultation in New York with Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference and Red Bird Missionary Conference gave me some new insight that I felt was good news. This was the first time I've heard that there is real validity and opportunity in being what we are — a Missionary Conference. I've always been under the impression that we are in an immature state of being on the road to becoming a real Annual Conference. We need to spend more time talking about and planning for that unique opportunity.

The second thing we heard was that we are a capital-intensive organization and that stands in the way of our being in mission.

We are living in a society that is capital-intensive, paternalistic, that encourages fear rather than hope, that defines the earth and all living things in hierarchical structures, that loves violence and injustice and status quo, that has eyes but does not see, ears but does not hear. We too are often blinded and deafened so we don't hear Christ's message but rather the messages of nationalism, patriotism, capitalism and all the other isms.

A thought from "Megatrends" is a question the author poses. He says that most important question to ask for the 1980's is "What business are we really in?" I think that is an important question for the church. The early Methodist church had a clear vision of its purpose. Our vision has become confused and fragmented.

Sheldon Duecker in "Tensions in the Connection" says that if the United Methodist Church is to minister effectively in its third century, leaders and members must develop, understand and articulate a clear sense of identity and purpose.

Laity and clergy need to hear these voices. Alaska Missionary Conference and National Division must develop their shared ministry in this place. We need to be cooperative, not competitive, coordinators, not controllers, advocates, not adversaries. The Church, the laos, the people of God must intentionally cultivate, encourage, affirm, celebrate and hold to account the gifts God has given the whole community of believers. The gifts God has given us and the ministries in which these gifts are used are given by God through the Spirit for the maintenance of the Body and we need to find a means by which we can respond in a corporate way.

## C. 1983 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Edmund B. Stanton

John Wesley was absolutely right! In our vocation as Christians, we are called to some tasks that may be pleasant and enriching and to some that are tedious and difficult. These past five years as Superintendent of the Alaska Missionary Conference have certainly been a mixture of hard grind and pure enjoyment. Most of the time it has been a great joy and a rare privilege for me to be in this position. I don't know anyone in the world who has a finer group of people with whom to work than those I have been associated with in the churches and parsonages of Alaska and in my other associations as Superintendent.

I am profoundly impressed with the changes these five years have brought to the churches and to the Conference, thanks to the solid foundations laid and tremendous efforts and dedication of so many, many good people.

In my regular pattern of intercessory prayers for the churches and their pastors, I begin in Ketchikan and move toward Nome. I follow that pattern in describing the churches and listing some of these changes as briefly as I can:

KETCHIKAN has been pained by the too-rapid turnover of pastors, but the church's life has broadened and given significant growth in worship and church school as they work together and plan for their future building and programs.

SITKA has a new parsonage, perhaps the best youth program in the conference, and great hope as they struggle to be a self-supporting and ministering church.

DOUGLAS, after untold hours of volunteer labor, has all but completed the addition and remodeling and is broadening its ministries.

In JUNEAU the marriage of the former United Methodist and United Presbyterian congregations is well established, and this united church is involved in a wide variety of ministries both within the church and out in the community.

In SEWARD the trauma of the 1964 earthquake seems at last to be dissipating. The church and the community are showing more hope and development than in many years, with new people, new programs and some look-ahead planning.

MOOSE PASS is a tiny community church that has seen its first growth in a long time. Its records are in order and a minimal organization is in place. This is the first church in the conference to pay its 1983 apportionments in full.

HOMER has double the conference's average worship attendance per member of the church. In five years, a new wing has been added and paid for, improvements have been made in church and parsonage, and self-support is in sight.

NINILCHIK has always been at the far end of some pastor's circuit. It is now enjoying a resident, part-time pastor who is serving the church and community.

SOLDOTNA is another church showing significant growth. They are preparing to build a much needed sanctuary to meet the increasing needs of the congregation and the community.

KENAI: It wasn't uncommon for us to see a veteran of the "battle of the bars" asleep on the back pew of the Church of the New Covenant one day. This is one of many ways in

which that building and congregation are in ministry as the church shows solid development in numbers, organization and programming.

**NORTH KENAI** moved from its mobile home sanctuary to its first permanent building on Easter. This church has the highest percentage of growth in church school and worship attendance in the conference since 1978. Their greatest need now is a parsonage to replace the 15 year old mobile home the Stills live in.

**GIRDWOOD** has also been at the end of a circuit until recently and is now ready for a part-time resident pastor and a more complete ministry than it has been able to have in many years.

In **ANCHORAGE: ST. JOHN**, with help from National Division Staff and a lot of local pushing and giving, has a new sanctuary to meet the rapid changes in its neighborhood, and an increased staff to help integrate newcomers.

Bayshore, now **SOUTH ANCHORAGE**, has struggled with high turnover and the lack of a building, but this little congregation is showing new growth, stability, and hope.

**JEWEL LAKE**, our oldest united congregation, has had steady growth. Its needs for more educational space will be met by the new educational unit to be built this summer.

**TURNAGAIN** has struggled to be faithful to the Gospel and sensitive to the needs of others. Even in the resulting tensions there is growth as the church lives out its vital ministry.

**ANCHORAGE FIRST**, with shining floors, probably the highest number of adults in worship, and unusually solid growth in every way, this is a much more vital church than we first saw five years ago.

**ANCHOR PARK** is a "healthy church" according to Lyle Schaller. Each of its three worship services each Sunday are in different languages. Children's and family ministries are most important. Of all our churches, it has by far the largest growth in Sunday School and worship. It is an exciting church.

**EAST ANCHORAGE**, with a limiting location and a high ratio of mobile families, struggles to stay even. The building is heavily used in ministry to the church and the community. I am interested in watching its long range planning.

**CHUGIAK** is an intense fellowship of able and committed Christians. It has grown significantly in numbers and in its ministries...another exciting church.

**PARKS HIGHWAY**, our newest parish, includes the previously existing Trapper Creek fellowship and a newly organized congregation of 25 members in Willow. Both are buying property and using relocatable buildings. We all rejoice in this new ministry.

**NORTH POLE**, our newest union church, began as pipe-line construction closed down. This was a problem, as people left, and a help, as we got the relocatable construction camp building for our temporary church. Except for Willow they show the highest ratio of new members in 1982.

**FAIRBANKS** is a vital congregation with strong lay and staff leadership, great music, and generous financial support. The remodeling and new organ are in place. They give 25% of all benevolences given in Alaska beyond the apportionments.

The **NOME** church ministers in many ways with vital faith and creative love with people who face the difficulties and upheavals of life in Nome. The use of Inupiaq in worship and in a weekday group accentuates their inclusiveness. They are making great strides toward self-support.

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The United Methodist Church also ministers through **ARGETSINGER** and **BIRCHWOOD CAMPS** as well as through off-site programs of outdoor ministry. More and more, people are camping and the camps are becoming better coordinated and staffed.

**WESLEYAN NURSING HOME** in Seward, without question the finest in the state, is planning a major building renovation in order to serve better.

**ALASKA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY** is growing and stabilizing. The 1500 students enrolled are the full time equivalent of 500 students. It offers creative programs of continuing and higher education for Alaska and the world.

**ALASKA CHILDREN'S SERVICES** is a remarkable ministry to troubled children. It is a model for the whole country. It has expanded its services and developed significantly in these five years.

The **CAMPUS MINISTRIES** in Anchorage and Fairbanks continue their innovative and nurturing ministries as they increasingly minister ecumenically to students and faculties.

The **NOME COMMUNITY CENTER** is like a benevolent octopus as it reaches out in many ways to meet the needs of people of all ages in Nome. These are worthy and creative ministries in which our church is involved.

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In conference-wide statistics, you have made 1982 the strongest year on record for the Alaska Missionary Conference. Although our membership is not yet as high as in 1963-1971,

our worship attendance has grown by 20% in the last five years and is 12% higher than any previous year. We have also grown by 19-20% in church membership and church school attendance in the last five years. Our giving has increased by 21% per year, so that we are now giving more than two and a half times what we did five years ago! In 1982 our average attendant gave \$17.44 each week for all causes.

As our various ministries expand and as we assume more responsibility for our own financial support, Alaska Missionary Conference budgets are constantly rising. With the new pension program in 1982, the apportionments to the churches were increased by 50%, yet the understanding and confidence of the church members was such that there were almost no complaints or questions. In these five years our conference accounts have become more orderly and visible and our bookkeeping methods more up to date as the conference office has upgraded its equipment and methods. Conference hold-over funds are invested at the best responsible interest rates to provide an additional source of income for the conference.

We are moving towards a greater degree of self-sufficiency as a conference. We have now assumed full responsibility for clergy pensions. The Conference Council on Finance and Administration recommends that we accept an increasing portion of the costs of our pastors' moving and furlough, local church insurance subsidy, etc., that are presently paid for by the National Division. Not counting grants and loans for property and buildings, our 1982 subsidies amounted to around \$4,000 per church; that's \$28 per member.

We are using about the same proportion of our giving for pastors' salaries as the rest of the denomination is doing, but I am concerned that the salaries of some pastors are increasing more rapidly than those of others. While total compensation, including the value of housing, has, on the average, risen by 50% in five years, the lowest salaries in the conference have increased by only 35%. The Equitable Salary Commission is studying this change.

During the past five years major funds have come to the conference and our churches in several ways. Nearly \$300,000 has been given by Alaskans in the Pensions and the New Ministries campaigns! Loans have been made by the Conference to Douglas, North Pole, Argetsinger Camp, and North Kenai. The National Division has loaned money for the Sitka parsonage, the North Pole building, the South Anchorage property, the Homer church addition, and the St. John sanctuary. Grants have also been received by several of these churches and to help Willow and Trapper Creek buy their property and temporary buildings.

One of the changes we have seen these past five years has been the way in which control of conference boards and committees has increasingly been taken by laity and clergy across the conference. In another change the National Division has approved our plan for the transfer of property titles to the local churches. The 1980 General Conference set the maximum tenure of Conference Superintendents at six years (Red Bird Missionary Conference now wants to make it eight) and allowed for less-than-full-time service for clergy. This latter change has made it possible for us to be more creative and flexible in the appointment of pastors for smaller churches. Five of our conference members are now in part time ministries, and we are using John Garvin, John Molletti and Ruth McMillan's ministries for other part time appointments.

From 1978 through 1982 our churches have received 1914 new members (49.9% of our present membership) and removed 1294 persons from our rolls (40% of the number we began with in 1978). We have brought 25 new full and part time clergy, including a new Bishop, to Alaskan churches, and 18 clergy have left. Twelve of our pastors have been in Alaska for over five years. And, if the "average pastor" is halfway through his or her tenure in the present appointment, the average appointment is now nearly seven years.

During this period Mel and Debbie Vostry were married, as were Jack and Eva Christian. We rejoice with them, and we grieve in the breakdown of three clergy families since the beginning of 1978. Seven children were born to parsonage families, with Jonathan David Forney being the newest of the group. We clergy are like lay families in our joys and pains and mobility.

Among the excellent conference programs during this time have been our Lay/Clergy Conferences, the Point of Contact conference on hunger and intercultural communication, the Search for Ministry workshop, our Bible Teachers' training, the Certified Lay Speakers' training, the development of the "Great Land NewsCache", our conference paper, our Pastor Parish Relations training, and other conference-wide programs of leadership development and education. This says nothing of the work of the United Methodist Women who continue to spearhead the churches' concern and understanding of the wider world of the Church of Christ.

No summary of these five years would be complete without the recognition of the contributions of my wife, Blythe, who, besides offering her own ministries, has stood by with loving support and, when asked, with wise counsel. We must also recognize the dedicated work of Mary Lou Hollett, our administrative assistant who has had the knowledge, the patience, and the persistence to hold the conference all together and to get the real work done. She has been in this position for over 5 years, longer than any of her predecessors!

We are grateful for the supportive fellowship of Bishops Jack Tuell and Cal McConnell who consistently held the position where the buck actually stops and the flak really flies. And to the laity and clergy whose ministries in Christ have made our work together what it has been and is becoming, we acknowledge our complete dependence and our gratitude.

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The seas have not always been smooth these past five years. Tensions will continue over the issue of full conference membership in Alaska for clergy. And we are not quite sure what should be done about our Home Missionary relationship with the National Division. The inability of bureaucracy to move as fast and with as much concern for individual situations as we might like is always a problem, whether it is on a national level, in the conference or in the local churches. And tensions will continue in relations with the National Division over the perspective we have of ourselves as a conference seeking the guidance and assistance of the National Division as a resource in OUR mission, in contrast to the Board seeing the Missionary Conferences as an agent of THEIR mission. We must continue in dialogue and in mutual commitment to the mission to which Christ calls us.

Finally, really, I remind you of the Covenant service of John Wesley which has been so much important to my life in ministry. In this service we hear these words again:

"And now, beloved, let us bind ourselves with willing bonds to our covenant God, and take the yoke of Christ upon us.

This taking of his yoke upon us means that we are heartily content that he appoint us our place and work, and that he alone be our reward.

Christ has many services to be done; some are easy, others are difficult; some bring honor, others bring reproach; some are suitable to our natural inclinations, and temporal interests, others are contrary to both. In some we may please Christ and please ourselves; in others we cannot please Christ except by denying ourselves. Yet the power to do all these things is assuredly given us in Christ, who strengthens us. . . .

We take upon ourselves with joy the yoke of obedience, and engage ourselves, for love of thee, to seek and do they perfect will. We are no longer our own, but thine. . . . (and then we respond with these words:)

I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt; put me to doing, put me to suffering; let me be employed for thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee; let me be full, let me be empty; let me have all things, let me have nothing; I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal."

As I have sought to be among you as one who serves, whatever our gifts or callings or roles may have been, Blythe and I rejoice that we will continue to be among you in our ministries together. So we continue together in Christ: in service, in praise, and in peace. Amen.

## D. CONFERENCE-WIDE PLANNING

### The Proposal

It is proposed that the Alaska Missionary Conference make conference-wide planning a priority.

It is proposed that a statewide Steering Committee of up to 15 persons be elected by the Conference to direct the process. (The Committee on Nominations Reference and Council will have names to nominate.)

It is proposed that the Steering Committee have authority to recommend to the 1984 Annual Conference a planning process, including but not limited to a model for planning and a process design. The Committee shall have authority to receive and expend necessary funds, contract with persons and agencies, and pursue other aspects of leadership of the process.

It is proposed that the Alaska Missionary Conference provide \$3,000 in 1984 to fund travel for the Steering Committee.

### The History

At the 1981 Annual Conference, a task force was formed to study 'the staffing and logistical support needs' of the conference. They reported to the next conference that they were unable to bring a proposal and recommended that another task force be constituted. In the fall of 1982, a widely-based group was gathered. After several productive meetings, the new task force decided to change its direction and to support the concept of a major conference-wide planning process.

The National Division, under Rene Bideaux, is strongly encouraging our conference to

engage in planning, especially as it relates to their role in the conference.

There have been two other planning efforts in recent years. Seven years ago, James Davis of the National Division conducted a major study of the Alaska Missionary Conference. About three years ago, Joyce Edwards conducted surveys for the Conference Council on Ministries, and the results were used by the Council for its programming. The Davis study is now out-of-date, and the CCOM has completed the programming developed from the survey results.

Acting upon the authority of 1982 Annual Conference, the task force is now bringing this proposal to the conference.

### The Concept

Conference-wide planning will encompass nearly every aspect of the conference. It has the potential to alter the direction of the entire conference, especially the way decisions are made. It will include the local churches, the conference administration, the role of the institutions, the National Division, and the general church. It is hoped that each agency, committee, council and commission of the conference will seriously consider their role, future plans, and the future of the conference.

The question is, "What is God's will for the Alaska Missionary Conference?"

It is expected that the entire process will be based in the local church. Many of the local churches have engaged in serious planning for their congregation. However, there are some things which are better done together with other churches, and there are some things that must be done together.

In many specific areas, adequate planning the decision making are made difficult by the lack of basic conference planning. Without it, special interests get the attention and the money. There is no formalized way for groups to interact other than through the budgeting process and on the conference floor.

Over the years, several significant concerns have emerged in the conference. Components and factors which may be included in the planning process include: the annual conference decision making process, new church development, native ministries, specialized congregational ministries, camping, conference staffing patterns, relationship of the conference to the National Division, questions about the identity of the conference, and more.

A Steering Committee will guide and direct the planning process. This committee will have the responsibility for coordinating the process at all the various levels. Membership will be inclusive of all geographic areas of the conference, of laity and clergy, and of women, ethnic minority persons, and men. Also included will be ex-officio representation from the Conference Council of Finance and Administration (without vote).

To provide the leadership needed for the planning process, it is expected that a person or agency will be contracted. That person or agency will work under the direction of the Steering Committee.

Originally the task force expected to bring to the 1983 Annual Conference a proposal which included the planning model, the contracted leadership, and a time line for the process which was to begin upon the close of the conference. For several reasons, it is now expected that the next year will be used for the Steering Committee to refine the process, and to increase the involvement of the local churches. It is expected that the superintendent will have a significant role in the process. The National Division has indicated its intention to actively participate in the process.

### E. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Members present: Bea Shepard, David Fison, Jack Christian, Walt Hays, Ed Stanton, Tom Dahl, Bishop McConnell

Report on Transfer of Title for property from National Division to churches: Transfers completed on Transfer of Title to St. John, East Anchorage, and Anchor Park. No action on transfer to Turnagain UMC to date.

Moved, seconded and passed — approval for Transfer of Title to the Soldotna United Methodist Church.

Status of other property titles: South Anchorage — title transferred to church; Trapper Creek — Conference owns (Bank-Alaska Bank of Commerce); Willow — owns property (Bank First National of Anchorage); Trapper Creek — paid \$9,000 down — (\$8,000 from the Conference to be reimbursed with grant from National Division), National Division owns building, Conference owns the property, Trapper Creek is paying for the property. There is a need to clarify to the people of Trapper Creek why the Conference owns the property while the congregation, which is not chartered, is paying for the mortgage. Bayshore/South Anchorage — stymied — they need capital and building. Need to have a quality temporary

building. Recommend to the New Church Developing Committee to get a Quality Temporary Building, Nome Situation — 79-82 tax case heard, waiting results; '83 tax appeal denied by City. Next step, file Notice of Appeal to try to tie it to old case.

Question was raised as to why Board Trustees exists — is Directors of Alaska Missionary Conference — Trustees — is the Corporation — should meet.

Was moved, seconded and carried — Transfer \$5,000 received from the sale of the North Kenai Trailer Church to North Star United Methodist Church, North Kenai.

Was moved, seconded and carried — Recommend a delay of one year so can be part of long range planning on Unalaska; recommend to National Division.

Moved, seconded, carried — We sign TA&M Trapper Creek Property.

Moved, seconded, carried — Request report of Property Visitation from the National Division.

## F. CONFERENCE COUNCIL ON RELIGION AND RACE

The threat to the subsistence way of living (engendered by State Proposition No. 7) received much of the council's energy. Information on both sides of the issue was collected and packets were sent to conference churches. A CCORR sponsored petition was passed by the annual conference which encouraged our conference churches to concern themselves with the issues. Our original petition was published in the EMLC December newsletter. Most Alaskans rejoiced to see "No. 7" defeated in November.

In February of 1981 Nunam Kitlutsisti ("protectors of the land", Bethel) applied to the General Commission on Religion and Race for funds. In December of 1982 an onsite visitation was conducted and a grant was approved. The grant is enabling Nunam to bring village representatives together to study potential social and cultural impact of oil development. They are helping village representatives to understand potential economic benefits and to weigh environmental risks. The CCORR hopes to present a petition to annual conference concerning the Norton Sound oil lease sales.

## G. EQUITABLE SALARY COMMISSION REPORT

John Tindell, Chairperson

At its January 16, 1983 meeting, the Commission discussed at length the meaning of the term, "equitable." We reviewed the Discipline as to its statements regarding the Commission's work.

We reviewed recommendations from the Conference Superintendent regarding specific congregational subsidy amounts, and approved those. We were pleased to note that Homer and North Pole will not need subsidy amounts during 1984.

We developed 1984 salary and benefit recommendations for the Conference.

The group discussed ways to address the disparity between the highest and lowest paid pastors of the Conference. There was additional discussion of this at a meeting held in conjunction with the 1983 Pastor-Spouse Retreat. No firm conclusions were agreed upon.

## H. EPISCOPACY AND SUPERINTENDENCY COMMITTEE

Art Edwards, Chairperson

During the past year the Committee has completed two tasks. Beginning in August a questionnaire was developed to help in assessing the particular characteristics and styles of superintendency which would best fit the needs of the Alaska Missionary Conference, as perceived by pastors, lay delegates and conference officers. Over fifty questionnaires were returned and the results discussed in the February meeting of the Committee.

This spring the committee has begun a procedure for "valuing" Bishop McConnell, including specific areas in which he has requested feedback.

In March the Committee had the privilege of meeting Thom Fassett and discussing with him the profile of the missionary conference and the particular gifts which he will bring to the superintendency.

The Committee functions much like a Pastor-Parish Committee does in a local church and is open for input from members of the Conference at anytime. Currently serving on the Committee are: Dick Heacock, Marion Gotschall, John Shaffer, Verda Carey, Art Edwards, Arlene Wood, and Kathleen Wise.

## **I. STEWARDSHIP CULTIVATION COMMITTEE**

**James Buffington, Chairperson**

The Alaska Missionary Conference at the session of its annual meeting June 5 through 8, 1980 in assessing its mission in Alaska and the world, approved a church extension campaign which would help to enlarge its ministry. The conference decided "that the amount of 150,000 to set as the goal to be raised by the United Methodist Churches for the priorities as submitted by the joint report of the Church Extension and Stewardship Cultivation Committees with consideration being given to the establishment of new ministries that reach out to or demonstrate a commitment to ethnic minorities." Our over all theme for the campaign was, "Give The Great Land The Great Commission." We decided that we would attempt to raise \$150,000 in a two-year period, beginning January 1, 1981 and that the campaign would be under the supervision of Juanita Ivie of the Office of Finance and Field Service.

Our two-year period for raising our goal of \$150,000 was over December 31, 1982 and although we did not reach our goal, we did do very well. As of this date, we have received \$126,607. On behalf of our entire Committee, I would like to thank everyone for doing a good job. Because of everyone's help, we have been able to begin a new ministry on the Parks Highway and are looking forward to the day when we can announce the start of another new ministry.

## **J. BOARD OF DIACONAL MINISTRY REPORT**

**Priscilla Ringenburg, Chairperson**

The Conference Board of Diaconal Ministry has been reorganized this past year in accord with Annual Conference action.

Priscilla Ringenburg continues as Chairperson, Kim Doverspike was elected Vice-chair and Secretary, Cheryl Washburn was elected Registrar. Other members of the Board are Marion Gotschall, Barbara Shaffer, and Dennis Holway. If there are persons looking toward a diaconal ministry career, they should make that known to the Registrar, Cheryl Washburn.

At the meeting in February a number of issues surfaced but none called for Annual Conference action at this time.

## **K. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ORDAINED MINISTRY**

**James Buffington, Chairperson**

The work of the Board of Ordained Ministry this past year has dealt mainly with the process of evaluation. A sourcebook on evaluation produced by the Division of Ordained Ministry was used at the Annual Conference to introduce the new material to both the clergy and lay members. Also during October of this past year, workshops were held throughout the conference for all the local Pastor and Parish Relations Committees.

The Board also met in Anchorage during February at which time we reviewed our continuing relationship of those who are in seminary and/or are candidates for ordained ministry. Susan Holstein, a member of the Kenai Church of the New Covenant, has been approved by her local church and is in college. Charlotte Thomas, a member of First United Methodist, Anchorage, has been approved by her church and interviewed by our Board of Ordained Ministry and approved and finished her candidacy program. She is waiting to go to seminary in the Fall of 1983.

Bill Brooks, formerly of Sitka and now a student at Iliff School of Theology, is applying for admission to the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference. Donna Lowman has been ordained Deacon in the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference and is in her last year of seminary.

We would also like to remind the Clergy that there are some continuing education funds available for use. These funds are very limited but we encourage you to find some continuing education experiences to be a part of for your own benefits. We would also remind you of the expectations that your home conference and our missionary conference also has of you in regard to continuing education.

## **L. UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

Mary Lou Lawhorn, President

### **1983 Goals**

1. To encourage local units to educate themselves about the implications of nuclear power and nuclear weapons by sending a resource packet with materials and information to each unit.

2. To continue through 1980-84 quadrennium a special emphasis on implementing the Racial Justice Charter by providing resource materials and program plans, and by sending a questionnaire asking for feedback.

3. In celebration of the centennial of the United Methodist Women, and its predecessor organizations organized in mission, to focus on membership by:

- a. increasing membership in each local unit by 10% each year through 1985.
- b. providing each local unit with one official United Methodist Women membership book.
- c. providing new centennial membership cards to each person who signs her own name in the membership book.
- d. to implement membership goals for centennial celebration by electing or assigning a Membership Chairperson in each local unit.
- e. to increase the number of subscriptions to "Response" magazine by two per unit per year through 1985.

4. To establish a new unit each year through 1985.

One of the ways of implementing goal No. 3 is by the itineration of Lee Willis, Membership Chairperson, to each local unit throughout Alaska, presenting "Called to Grow" a 2½-hour presentation. Conference officers in each area assist with the presentation.

A second Mission Education Event was held in the fall in Southeast Alaska. The studies for 1982 were "Peoples of the Pacific Islands", "Hebrews" and "Pilgrimage of Faith: Oneness in Christ". All three events will now be held in the fall, one in Southeast, one in Anchorage and one on the Kenai Peninsula. These events help the local women to meet and learn together.

The theme of our annual meeting in September was "How I Live Affects My Neighbor" and a program on World Development was presented with Dr. Glenn Olds as the speaker. Short subject presentations were on "Nuclear Awareness", "The Issue of Women", "Bible Study - Hebrews" and "Membership Goals".

A one-day Legislative Training Event, open to all United Methodists, was held in Anchorage with excellent speakers and some time spent at the Legislative Affairs Office.

The conference executive team attended a retreat in January at St. John Church. "Stages of Faith" by James Fowler was read prior to the retreat and studied during the retreat. This is a difficult book to read and understand, but under the able leadership of Linda Calkins it was a time of understanding, learning and growth.

## **M. LAY LIFE AND WORK**

Marianne Inman

The fifty certified lay speakers throughout the Conference have served their own congregations as well as other groups in a variety of ways this past year. Widely distributed throughout the state, these individuals have functioned willingly and capably in capacities such as preachers, liturgists, teachers, and group leaders. So important a role do these speakers play, in fact, that a coordinator of lay speaking will be added to this work area for next year, to work with both lay speaker training and effective utilization of talented and trained speakers. During 1984 lay speaker training at both basic and advance levels will again be offered. According to the Discipline, lay speakers must renew their certification annually through their own Charge Conference and complete an advanced lay speaker training course at least once every three years.

Also to be added this next year is a coordinator of lay care ministries, who will collect and share information on ongoing lay care ministries within the Conference and will also work with establishing training and support programs for individuals and groups embarking on lay care ministry. This area should open a number of additional opportunities for service to every congregation in the Conference.

## N. CONFERENCE COUNCIL ON YOUTH MINISTRIES

Glenn Getz, President

Members of the CCYM met in June of 1982 to plan the years activities and to participate in Annual Conference. Phyllis Harris of Homer and Dennis Holway and Glenn Getz of Anchorage, were selected to attend the Jurisdictional Conference in Salt Lake City. They went this past summer and the event was a great success!

Plans are being made to send some delegates to the National Youth Ministries Organization (NYMO) meeting in Syracuse University in New York during August 1983. If enough funds are collected we will be able to send four representatives from Alaska.

Statewide mailings to youth leaders have continued again this year. Argetsinger and Birchwood Camp both hosted winter convocation camps during December. Glenn Getz, the CCYM President for 1982-83, attended the CCOM meeting in February. Unfortunately, he was not able to have much input because most of the meeting was held during school hours.

We have been conducting a "fund drive" for travel costs to jurisdictional and national events. Through national mailings we have secured \$1,400 as of mid April. The statewide Alaska Youth-Adult Leadership Training Event is currently in the planning stage. The NYMO Youth Service Fund has been awarded the Alaska Missionary Conference a \$2,000 grant to be used toward the August 18-20 leadership event.

One final conference highlight was the Ethics and Government seminar held in Juneau this past March. Thanks to the leadership of the Rev. Bill Trudeau and Dennis Holway, it went very smoothly and was a rewarding and learning experience for the six youth who attended.

## O. CONFERENCE LAY LEADER REPORT

Marion Gotschall

The past year has been full of intense activities for me as Conference Lay Leader. As part of a team of writers elected to write the Laity Address for the 1984 General Conference, we have submitted the first draft. Also on the National level is the participation on the Consultation Committee for this Conference with the National Division. We have been involved in developing a policy manual for the Conference. Discussion has centered around the relationship between the National Division and Alaska Missionary Conference and how much autonomy we want or should have for determining our own destiny as well as the amount of funding support we should have or will need from National Division.

At the Conference level, Barbara Shaffer and I with the help of many others organized and accomplished a successful Lay/Clergy Conference in February of this year. Lyle Schaller, a noted authority on church growth and planning gave much useful insight into the dynamics of the church organization.

The Conference Council on Ministries voted money to support the Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign which was on the ballot in Juneau, Anchorage and Fairbanks. It won a majority vote in Juneau and Anchorage. I was a supporter/promoter of the campaign in Juneau and continue to be active in the Alaskans for World Peace group in Juneau.

As a representative of the United Methodist Church I participated in the organization of, as well as in, the SE Alaska Women's Leadership Conference sponsored by the State Commission on the Status of Women. I also have met with both Senators and Representatives on behalf of concerns of women and concerns for world peace and disarmament. I also gave the opening prayer for the State House of Representatives and encouraged several other women to be part of a list to give the prayer for the Senate as well.

I participate ex-officio on the SE Camp Committee as well as doing the cooking for Junior and Senior camps in the summer of 1982. I'm chairperson of the Bicentennial Committee for the Conference and promoted a Heritage Sunday Special Offering April 24.

Locally, I'm chairperson of the Women's Shelter Program (AWARE) Board of Directors and participate on the Crisis Line regularly. I'm also involved in my local church with the Contemporary Issues Adult Class, as Lay Speaker, on Missions and Evangelism Committee and with the Women's Organization - the Community of Christian Women (combined UMW and UPW). In addition, I hope to complete a Master's Degree in Teaching this year.

## P. CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRIES

William Trudeau, Chairperson

The Task Force on Specialized Congregational Ministries was selected and began functioning in January 1983. Members include laypersons Jean Stassel of Anchorage First, Betty Wilson of Ketchikan First, and pastors Chuck Young of United Campus Ministry Fairbanks, and Bill Trudeau of Ketchikan. Council of Ministries Coordinator Glenna Getz has been invited to be a full participant of the Task Force and, as of March, Chugiak Church is represented in Barbara Pfeiffer. Chugiak was invited to participate because it is specifically investigating specialized ministries within its congregation.

The Task Force met twice in February to define its goals and direction. We list as our objectives:

1. To see that specialized congregational ministries styles become a part of the Church Extension process.
2. To have at least one specialized congregation project accepted by the 1984 Annual Conference, to begin functioning by the 1985 Conference.
3. To see at least one specialized ministry developed within a current congregation by the 1984 Conference.
4. To create a specific plan of action for the Task Force in relating to the Conference, the churches of the Conference and the long range mission of the Church of Alaska.

The Task Force has already undertaken areas of study and research related to our objectives. We are preparing a needs assessment study which we hope will be ready near Conference time. At Conference, there will be a table display of specialized ministries already in existence across the nation, with bibliographic materials listed. The Task Force will meet with the Committee on Church Extension around conference time to share general directions and attempt to formulate specific extension plans over the next few years.

Within the Task Force several specific concerns are manifest: the development of "covenantal communities" where congregational participants are intentionally related to the life ministry of the group, congregations or communities organized specifically around peace and justice issues, and ministries specifically geared to meet the needs and spirit of women.

While we are budgetless as a committee, we have been able to use times around other meetings in order to get together, and are experimenting with the State "Teleconference System" for communication. But members are highly motivated individually, and much of the research and development occurs in "homework" that is shared by mail and via telephone.

What is a congregation? Like "time" — according to George Bernard Shaw — we know exactly what it is UNTIL we are asked to explain it. The Task Force on Specialized Congregational Ministries, which was organized in January following Conference action last year, has had to deal with that question. The goal of the Task Force was to encourage development of specialized ministries that related to a "community of faith" rather than being a mission project on one hand or a non-profit organization on the other. So the next natural question was, "What defines a community of faith"? "What IS a congregation?" Must a congregation fit in with the general itinerancy of ministers (any pastor should be able to serve any church)? Is a congregation defined by being either self-supporting or at least primarily so? Must congregations have membership in a formal sense? Can there be congregations within congregations? Successfully?

The Task Force will be seeking the help of the Conference in answering these questions. But, for the time being, this is what is being looked at as what separated specialized CONGREGATIONAL ministries from other forms of ministry.

1. They embrace a definite community of persons who are cooperatively committed to a specific style of ministry.
2. The community of faith is financially self-sufficient, and takes responsibility for its life as part of the Body of Christ.
3. When occurring within a larger congregation, the community is defined as a distinct entity, self-nurtured, with a clear sense of its peculiar focus and direction. It is not dependent upon the general budget or attitude of the rest of the congregation for its existence.

These are early attempts at definition; the Conference and Task Force will be attempting to clarify them further. If you have ideas, the Task Force would like to hear from you. Write members: Bill Trudeau or Betty Wilson, Ketchikan; Jean Stassel or Glenna Getz, Anchorage; Barbara Pfeiffer, Chugiak; or Chuck Young, Fairbanks.

## **Q. NEW CHURCH DEVELOPING COMMITTEE**

**Bob Smay, Chairperson**

The Committee on Church Extension met in February and at that time looked at the long range plans that have been developed to date. The areas that had been listed as potential places for church development were reviewed and updated. A number of other items were discussed and action taken as follows.

It was the consensus of the committee that a request be sent to the National Division asking for a person to be sent to conduct a survey in the Fairbanks area and other potential areas for new ministries (the Mat-Su Valley, Native outreach ministry, i.e. counselling center, social services, alcohol rehabilitation).

The possibilities for the new Korean Ministry were discussed.

It was moved that we move the establishment of a Korean congregation with the following funding components, \$30,000 from the General Council on Ministries over a 2-year period (7.5% EMLC Funds), \$16,000 from Alaskan Churches over a 2-year period and \$7,000 from the National Division. Seconded and passed.

**Procedure:** A letter be sent to Dalila Cruz of GCOM requesting the \$30,000.

Letter to churches of the AMC asking for support.

Letter to Dr. Myong Gul Son, National Division, requesting the \$7,000.

Apply for funds to purchase a van through the Board of Discipleship if other funding is available.

Applications have been submitted to the above Board for funding consideration.

Plans for establishing the Alaska Builders' Club were discussed. It was the consensus of the group that the Conference should write a basic letter to be sent to the pastors of the AMC churches, the pastors could then mail the letter to their members. A Commitment card with name, address, etc. should be included to be returned to the Conference Office for records. A letter of notification asking to have a name withdrawn from the ABC membership could be sent when a person no longer wanted to participate in the Builders' Club.

The plans approved by Conference for the Alaska Builders' Club was that \$50 could be requested twice a year. The following suggestions were made as to what funds could be requested for: temporary facilities (rental, modular buildings, etc.), purchase of land, funds toward the first permanent church unit or parsonage. The Builders' Club of the Conference Church Extension Committee would screen requests.

It was suggested that a letter be sent to the churches requesting the names of 1 or 2 persons to serve on an Investment Committee for Church Extension Funds. This pool of names would be submitted to the Conference Nominating Committee for the purpose of naming an Investment Committee. Criteria for serving on the committee: business persons, legal background, financial/banking background.

The Investment Committee would be self-organizing, be responsible for writing the by-laws for the committee and a working plan to be approved by the Alaska Missionary Conference.

Jim Buffington will write a letter to the churches reporting on the New Ministry Campaign receipts.

It was moved that the funding from the New Ministries fund for the Parks Highway Parish for 1983 be cut to \$22,000 in lieu of the \$26,000 originally set. Seconded and passed. It was the consensus of the committee that with Advance Special Funds that would be coming in for the Parks Highway Parish that \$22,000 would be adequate salary subsidy.

It was moved that a recommendation be presented to the Conference Council on Finance and Administration at conference time that unexpended funds in the Mission Sharing Account go into the New Ministries Account at the end of each year. Seconded and passed.

After review of the recommendations for church extension the following list was set as the 1984 Alaska Missionary Conference Church Extension Priorities:

Korean Ministry in Anchorage, Unalaska, Fairbanks, Juneau, Girdwood/North East Peninsula Area (Hope, Moose Pass, Cooper Landing), Sterling, Ninilchik, Anchor Point, Seldovia, East Road (Homer) Area.

Other areas that need to be kept in mind and watch developments:

Valdez, Kodiak, Copper Valley, the Northway, Tok, Chicken areas, Beluga/Tyonek area, Ketchikan south & north, North Slope, Susitna Dam Area, Bethel and Eagle River.

After discussion of the Parks Highway Parish ministry and the possibilities of starting new ministries in that area the motion was made that a directive be made to Jack Christian that he focus his time south from Willow as of April 15. Seconded and passed.

It was recommended that \$6,750 in funding be provided for a person to work with Jack Christian with the Parks Highway Ministry perhaps providing the worship experience for Trapper Creek and working with Jack additional days.

## R. ALASKA NATIVE MINISTRIES COMMITTEE

Esther Combs, Chairperson

During the past year the Alaska Native Ministries Committee met several times and addressed and took action on a number of diverse issues and concerns. The pattern of our meetings has been to meet on a monthly or bi-monthly basis and to recess for the summer as a number of our members are vacationing, subsistence fishing, or simply spending more time with our families.

This last summer (late summer) in August 1982 the committee did outreach to have up to 10 Alaska Native Youth attend the 1982 Native American Youth Camp in Chiloquin, Oregon. We consider our youth participation a success with six attending from all over Alaska plus two chaperones. They were Leah Senungetuk (Eskimo) from Nome, Jackie Nothstine (Eskimo) from Anchorage, Mary Bourdon (Eskimo) from Nome, Angie Bolton (Aleut) from Ketchikan, Robin Foss (Tlinget) from Sitka, and Esther Farquhar (Tlinget) from Sitka. The chaperones were Carol Seckel of Sitka and Sharyl Westcott (Chippewa) from Ketchikan.

We are glad that our native youth from Alaska could go and participate with Native American youth (ages 12-18) from the four other conferences (Pacific Northwest, Oregon-Idaho, California-Nevada, Pacific Southwest) to have a cross-sharing of Native cultural heritage, spiritual enrichment and fellowship in a Christian setting. So many times we hear, as I'm sure you have also heard a number of times, is that Alaska is usually excluded from Lower 48 events because we are too far away and it's too costly to send anyone. However, the funds were available and as a result the feedback I've gotten is that some of these youth have demonstrated leadership potential and also have more interest in the UMC.

Also in August one committee member, Sophia Nothstine, and a clergy representative, John Pitney of Nome, Alaska, attended the Tekakwitha Conference at Gonzaga University in Spokane. The conference is a program of the Roman Catholic Church to bring together Native and non-Native Catholics to enter into dialogue with one another about their traditional spiritual diversity and commonness in an effort to reach new openness and new directions within their church. The purpose of sending two Methodist representatives was to receive a report back on the Native/non-Native dialogue and sharing so that we could determine if such a conference for Methodist or perhaps for several denominations within Alaska should be considered to bridge avenues of understanding and fellowship between Alaska Natives and non-Natives. The committee is still in discussion on this matter, however, the consensus is that we believe there should be a conference of this kind but it is going to take considerable planning, time, and funds to carry out especially with other denominations.

Since last November 1982 one or two committee members have been attending the ecumenical Center Planning Committee which is comprised of clergy and lay members from six denominations to discuss development of a shared ecumenical facility for Native people to be located in Anchorage. This committee has identified ten needs that such a facility would address, among them are: a place of counseling, information dissemination, and most importantly a place to prepare Native people for urban churches — to help in the transition from rural to an urban setting. Our Native Ministries committee is very excited about this planning and we intend to be actively involved to take part in creating such a facility.

As a follow-up to the above, we have written letters to the Board of Discipleship (Office of Ethnic Minority Local Church), the Board of Global Ministries, National Division, (Ethnic Language Ministries) to inquire about funding in part for an Ecumenical Center for Native Ministries in Anchorage. We have received favorable responses supportive of this project but we will also need to follow-up in many more ways to bring any of our future funding requests to fruition.

This concludes the report from this committee. For the future committee sees a greater need for development and outreach to Alaska Native people to encourage our youth to go into the ministry, specifically, to set up careers as clergy in the United Methodist Church of Alaska. We are also very much aware and some of us are very much involved in supporting and providing street ministry to our people caught in the Fourth Avenue Syndrome. We ask for your prayers as well as whatever active assistance all of you can give to our sister churches who are daily providing relief to those suffering in the street life. This is why our committee is dedicated to the eventual development of an Ecumenical Center.



## S. CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SECRETARY AND CHAIRPERSON OF GLOBAL MINISTRIES

Janet Kussart

Through a questionnaire to each church I have tried to find out the mission needs of each church. Seventeen churches responded to this survey. The following tells the results. Of those 17, eight do not have an active work area on missions; 11 do not conduct an annual mission festival or school of mission; 13 do not have a planned program for teaching mission throughout the total church; 13 do not have a section on mission in the church library of books or AV's nor encourage their use; 10 do not highlight news of mission efforts regularly in the church bulletin or newsletters; 13 do not inform the congregation on its progress in mission giving at least monthly; 12 do not offer prayers for specific missionaries, churches and projects as an integral part of the weekly worship service; 14 do not encourage every church family to have periodicals which interpret mission from the local to the international level; e.g., New World Outlook and Response and 9 do not live with the expectation that one of its own members will respond to the call of the ministry through the mission arm of the church, BUT this is what is being done. Sixteen out of the 17 churches who replied ARE paying in full its single-figure apportionment which includes World Service; 13 churches participate in "second mile giving" through Advance Specials; 9 emphasize mission in the vacation church school; 14 churches help their members develop an understanding of the biblical basis for mission; 12 support mission projects and/or missionaries connected with agencies other than The United Methodist Church; 12 include the importance of mission in its instruction classes for new members; 12 develop opportunities for its members to actually become involved in mission at home and/or elsewhere; 13 emphasize the universality of the Christian message and the need for every person everywhere to at least have the opportunity to hear the Gospel and 13 encourage the full support of our denominational mission programs around the world. As churches of the Alaska Missionary Conference we are doing a lot but still have much more we can and should be doing. The challenge is ours. For those churches who do not have an active mission area, I have asked that an Advance Special catalog be sent to each one.

I want to thank those churches who gave to the Asian Rural Institute in order to meet the \$5,000 goal which the Conference approved. As of this writing I have not heard if we met the goal or not.

For 2½ weeks in the month of October 1983 we hope to have a mission interpreter itinerate throughout Alaska for the purpose of speaking on Central Africa (one of the mission studies for this year) and to talk about the Africa Special Program (church growth and development) which is a 1980 General Conference approved program for the 81-84 quadrennium. I encourage ALL churches to plan to invite the mission interpreter to speak on the Africa study and special emphasis.

All 8 of our institutions in Alaska were encouraged to put information about themselves and needs that they have in The Greatland NewsCache so that the conference can help each other.

The following is a breakdown of the giving by the United Methodist Church in Alaska for all of 1982:

United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief (UMCOR)	\$ 8,411.47
National Division	2,064.23
World Division	25.00
TOTAL	<u>\$10,500.70</u>

This total was our advance gifts received by the Board of Global Ministries.

## T. ALASKA CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE

John Shaffer

At our biennial Assembly February 3-5, 1983, new officers for 1983-1985 were elected. President will be Milton S. Hunt, 740 West Tenth St., Juneau, Alaska 99801 (907-586-2380 or 907-789-6569).

Our theme was "The Quality of Life in Alaska", with Dr. Fred McGinnis providing the keynote address. Task Forces were created that related to the concerns of Criminal Justice, Domestic Violence, Alcoholism and Communications.

The support of the United Methodist Alaska Missionary Conference is appreciated. John Shaffer ended his four year service as President.

## U. REPORT OF THE BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Marion Gotschall

The Bicentennial Committee has explored various ideas to commemorate the 1984 200-year point of United Methodism in the United States as well as plan projects and events for the 1986 100-year mark of United Methodist work in Alaska. Recently the Conference Council on Ministries voted to ask all United Methodist Churches in Alaska to have a special offering on Heritage Sunday April 24 in order to enable these special celebrations. We also voted to commission, officially, Bea Shepard to write and publish a pictorial history of United Methodism in Alaska. A report of additional plans for commemorating these historic events will be made at the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference in June. We will also provide the front page of the Great Land NewsCache on United Methodist history in the near future.

## V. CAMPING REPORTS

### 1. Outdoor Ministries and Camping — Jim LaBau, Coordinator

The Outdoor Ministries and Camping reports, received from the local churches for this last year, indicate that 1982 was probably a record year for those activities in the Conference. The number of total campers involved in outdoor ministries and camping was 1,787 in 1982, compared to 1,223 in 1981 and 686 in 1980. Caution must be used in interpreting these statistics, however, because over the past three years the report form has been modified to capture all outdoor ministries and camping activities, some of which were not emphasized in previous years (i.e., use of camps for Thanksgiving and Easter, etc.). However, the traditional categories, such as Elementary, Junior High, and Senior High campers, have increased more than 100% since 1980, so the trend is probably real.

The major increases have occurred in high school camping activities and other outdoor ministries activities, such as the church outings for Thanksgiving Day, Easter, day camps, and retreats. Camper participation in trail camps, canoe camps, and ski camps has remained fairly constant.

As in years past, the Minority Children Camping Scholarship Fund, made possible through Advance Specials givings, contributed importantly to a cultural sharing experience for youth as well as adult leadership. This past year, the fund was used to send eight Alaskan Native youth to the Western Jurisdictional Native American Camp in Oregon. As of April 15, 1983, there was \$6,000 in the fund. We are deeply grateful to those churches who's financial support makes this program possible.

As Conference Coordinator of Outdoor Ministries, I was involved this year in promoting, providing training, and participating in local camping activities. I was also involved in several "off-site" activities, including two ski camps and a canoe camp.

Also, at the direction of the 1982 Alaska Missionary Annual Conference, for the past 9 months, major emphasis has been given to preparing regional outdoor ministries and camping philosophies to serve as the first step in further long-range comprehensive planning. The cooperation of the more than 30 participants in this process has been enthusiastic and very productive. Copies of the regional philosophies and the combined Conference-wide philosophy are presented with this report, along with recommendations for further planning activity through the Conference Council on Ministries.

As part of the philosophy development process at Argetsinger Camp, emphasis was given to involving the U. S. Forest Service in planning. As a result of that involvement, excellent feedback was received regarding potential long-term lease arrangements for Argetsinger Camp, as well as our receiving some good direction for proceeding to acquire the camp land through the State Land Selection process. The Conference owes a highly merited "Thank you" to Judy Doverspike for contributing her talents and time as the facilitator to the philosophy development process. Equally important is an expression of appreciation to Candy Perry for her assistance in the southeast regional program.

### 2. Philosophies for Outdoor Ministries and Camping in the Alaska Missionary Conference

Philosophy developed for western and northern Alaska, February 12, 1982, at Birchwood Camp.

The Alaska Missionary Conference seeks to utilize the unique opportunities of natural settings to help all people grow in faith and discipleship, sense of self worth, Christian community, and mission. Centered in God's love, outdoor ministries are a part of Conference

and Local Church ministries.

Our commitment to outdoor ministries demands that we give priority to comprehensive planning, trained leadership, adaptable facilities, and adequate equipment, in order to provide for the spiritual growth, both in camps and in "off-site" experiences.

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**Philosophy developed for southeastern Alaska March 12, 1983, at Argetsinger Camp.**

The outdoor ministries and camping philosophy for southeast Alaska embraces the concept of outdoor experiences for all persons of all ages. The outdoor ministry program will include a wide variety of activities oriented to help individuals, families, and churches realize their relationship to creation, God, each other, and the world. Activities should provide opportunities for liberating, testing, and exploring experiences to see who and where we are and to discover who and where others are.

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**Statewide Philosophy developed April 24, 1983 at Birchwood Camp.**

The Outdoor Ministries program of the Alaska Missionary Conference seeks to utilize the unique opportunities of natural settings to help all people grow in faith and discipleship, sense of self worth, Christian community and mission. Centered in God's love, Outdoor Ministries are a part of the Conference and the Local Church. These ministries are oriented to help individuals, families, and churches realize their relationship to creation, God, each other, and the world.

A wide variety of activities should provide opportunities for self-renewal through exploring our relationships with surroundings; and through examining and understanding values of self, others, and community.

Our commitment to Outdoor Ministries demands that we give priority to comprehensive planning, trained leadership, adaptable facilities, and adequate equipment, in order to provide for spiritual growth in camps and "off-site" experiences. AMEN

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The Alaska Missionary Conference Council on Ministries recommends that the 1983 Alaska United Methodist Annual Conference take the following action regarding the status of the continuing effort in long-range comprehensive planning for Outdoor Ministries and Camping in Alaska:

1. Vote adoption of the Statewide statement of Philosophy for United Methodist Outdoor Ministries and Camping in Alaska, as presented to the 1983 Alaska United Methodist Missionary Annual Conference.
2. Endorse Alaska Missionary Conference Council on Ministries action to proceed with a search for funding in the amount of \$33,000 for development of comprehensive statewide, regional, and on-site master plans for United Methodist Outdoor Ministries in the Alaska Conference.

### **3. Birchwood Camp Board — Kay A. Abrams, Chairperson**

Birchwood Camp was blessed this past year by God's people in many ways. They loved, worked and gifted us with their time, money, and active concern.

One wonderful gift came packaged as Sam Downing, our first paid program assistant. Sam, a medical student from Colorado, was hired as camp coordinator for July but gifted us with his sturdy back and willing hands for June and half of August too. Sam and Edward Wolford, our lifeguard/maintenance man, formed a dynamic duo working with both program and the physical upkeep of the camp.

Another gift came in the form of a loaned travel trailer for a sick bay and to house our medical officer. Fortunately, Eva Christian was able to serve as camp nurse last summer but only for the junior high camp. '83 will see a change. A registered nurse from Ohio has agreed to serve at Birchwood for all of our church camps this summer.

Last July we were blessed with a work party from Illinois. The group donated their time, talents and tenacity to several projects over a week long period.

In August, Dennis Holway shared his talent for organization by recommending a system of committees to the Board. His plan was adopted at our corporation meeting in October and no doubt, that date will go down in our history as a turning point for the camp. Dennis recommended that everyone on the camp's 15 member board serve on one of our committees, Program/Personnel, Finance/Fund Development, Property Development/Maintenance, or Church/Community Public Relations. The committees would be encouraged to seek additional members from the Anchorage and Peninsula Christian communities.

An obvious result of the new structure has been increased attendance and enthusiasm at our monthly Board meetings. The output generated for the summer camps were on-line. Our prize winning float in the Fur Rendezvous Parade in February increased our visibility in the Anchorage area. During the winter months, job descriptions were written or revised for all our summer positions. By April, a coordinator, cook, and medical officer were under contract. Mid-May saw the appearance of brochures for Birchwood and newly designed tee shirts. The brochures and shirts grew out of the creativity of the Publicity committee and a generous gift from a Board member.

Near the end of May, First United Methodist Church of Anchorage organized a "Stuff-A-Thon" at Birchwood where area youth raised money and enthusiasm for camp.

A bright star that is visible on our horizon for the 83-84 year is Conference involvement in developing a comprehensive plan for the camp. We have maintained and improved our property and program over the years, but always without a guiding plan. Many of us have dreamed of a master plan and with the help of the conference, this may be realized in the year ahead.

We look back over the past year with thankfulness and praise for God's people and look to the future with hope and excitement, trusting in their continued support.

4. Argetsinger United Methodist Camp, located in Southeast Alaska — LeRoy Coon, Chm.

Report of the Camp Committee to the 1983 Session, AMC:

The camp committee met seven times in the last year. I feel that we have accomplished much in the past year, but we still have a long way to go. The four Southeast Alaska Methodist Churches (Juneau/Northern Light, Douglas, Ketchikan and Sitka) are involved and have participated in the camp in ways which have not previously been possible.

Committee member Dick Haight made a survey of the camp and submitted a six-page typewritten report of work that needs to be done on the facilities. The biggest single task before us is the replacement of foundations under all buildings. Beyond this, we are faced with the replacement of three foot bridges and the moving of one building so that it can be utilized.

Our cabin "adoption" plan seems to be working. We have one scheduled work day last fall, and another this May, both of which must be termed successful. A work-camp group from Texas is arriving in July which will be used to accomplish some of the more pressing work. Dick Haight heads a long-range planning subcommittee to determine the future course for the physical facilities.

Last year's Methodist Youth Camps were very successful. Candy Perry's Program and Policy subcommittee has made plans and arrangements for this year's camps.

The attached use report shows the extent of utilization by the Juneau community, as well as by United Methodist groups.

## W. REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN

Bea Shepard, Historian

### Part II of "HAVE GOSPEL TENT — WILL TRAVEL"

At the 1905 Conference, disaster struck the church in Douglas. The Bishop sent its popular pastor, Louis H. Pedersen, to a new town, Seward. Louis Pedersen had a tent. He also had a wife and two children. The tent served as both church and parsonage for the first year, after which Louis Pedersen sold the tent and built a church, in 1906. This building served as the Seward M. E. Church until 1917. The new church, built while E. L. Pedersen was pastor, served the Seward Methodists until 1949, when the building was sold and eventually became the Lutheran Church.

The third Annual Meeting was held in Seward in 1941, with Bishop Bruce Baxter presiding. During the Second World War many servicemen were stationed in the area, changing the church congregation; and at the end of the war an army chapel was moved to the Methodist property and remodeled and is now the present United Methodist Church building in Seward.

For a number of years Seward was the center of much Methodist work. In June of 1930 the Woman's Home Missionary Society began operating the Seward General Hospital. And in 1958 a new nurse's home building was remodeled into the Wesleyan Hospital for Chronic Diseases. This change was made necessary by the closing of Seward San which was the only hospital in Alaska at the time where a white person could go for treatment of tuberculosis. (Reverse discrimination?)

Before we continue discussion of Methodist work in Seward, we need to look at another Gold Rush town, Nome . . . In 1902 a church was built in Nome by the Congregationalists. A few years later, in 1906, a Methodist church was built by R. V. B. Dunlap, (who seems to be a character in Alaska Methodist history who is worth studying). When the Congregationalists and Methodists federated in 1913, the Methodist Church became familiarly known as "the Eskimo Church". In 1948-49, the Methodists bought the church building from the Congregational church and took on full responsibility for staffing it. During the pastorate of Bob Treat, the "white" and Eskimo congregations were combined, and the "Eskimo Church" was torn down in 1953.

In June, 1909, a young couple married, on the East Coast, and then by boat, train, and by boat again, took a long honeymoon trip to Nome, and even farther north to the "Reindeer Mission of Sinuk", which had been started under the auspices of the Women's Home Missionary Society in 1906. They arrived in July of 1909, and the history of Sinuk, the Nome churches, hospitals, and the Lavinia Wallace Young Community Center is intertwined with the names of Will and Effie Baldwin for many years. The pictures we have of Sinuk (Sinrock) during this period are copies of snapshots taken and processed by Will.

In 1913 Will Baldwin was active in getting a hospital into operation in Nome — the Maynard Columbus Hospital — the only hospital for hundreds of miles around. This hospital burned (with no casualties) in 1948, and was replaced by the Woman's Division of Christian Service by a modern concrete building, the Maynard McDougall Memorial Hospital, in 1945. This building was sold in 1977 to the Norton Sound Health Corporation. The Corporation continues the health services begun by the Methodists. One of the almost indispensable services to the villages has been the daily radio health call where a health aide in the village can talk over any problems with a hospital physician and receive advice regarding treatment, medication, or necessary evacuation to the hospital — or just plain reassurance.

In September of 1919 an interesting group of people posed for their picture before leaving on a trip to visit (and in some cases remain in) the Alaska Mission. The Superintendent of the Mission at that time, J. T. McQueen, Bishop Hughes, and Richard Decker, who was on his way to the pastorate in Nome, are among persons in the picture.

Richard Decker found this parsonage when he arrived at Nome in 1919. So, too, did Bob and Mary Treat when they arrived there in 1949. (It was still not warm . . .) In 1953 the parsonage was replaced, but the new parsonage was lost to fire within a few years.

Cars in Nome were a problem, but the Treats had the use of and difficulties connected with — a mission station wagon. There were, of course, other ways of traveling in Nome, including the historical dog team. A railroad ran back into the lowlying hills to a mining area — and when we visited Nome we found that the two forms of transportation had "merged". In the summer the Eskimos would hook their teams to a railroad hand cart and go up into the hills for berry picking. Coming home was downhill, so the dogs climbed onto the cart with the family, and they all coasted home.

A new church was built in Nome for \$208,000 in 1961, and a parsonage wing was added in 1963.

After the flu epidemic of 1918-19, and as a result of other disease problems, such as tuberculosis, there were many orphaned or part-orphan children being cared for in Nome by the Methodist workers. In 1925, when Jesse Lee Home was officially moved from Unalaska to Seward, the children from Nome were also moved to the new home.

The girls from Unalaska arrived on the Dora, the boys came on the Coast Guard Cutter, and the children from Nome came on the SS Victoria.

Jesse Lee Home was closed during the war, 1942 to 1946. The buildings were camouflaged by the army and remained so for a number of years. After the earthquake of 1964 the buildings were considered damaged enough to need replacing. And so in 1966 the Home moved once more, to Anchorage.

One of the main reasons the Jesse Lee Home was needed was, in a word, tuberculosis. The home in Seward was home to many children who had one or both parents in the Seward San (operating 1946 to 1958) with tuberculosis.

Many pictures of Methodist work were taken by G. Edward Knight, who served as Superintendent of the Alaska Mission for many years. Ed was attending a meeting in his home conference in 1938, and had no idea that he would be moving . . . He called his wife Gertrude and said, "Can you be ready by Friday to move to Alaska?" She could and did and they left Seattle on the mission boat, the Nicki Nah. We didn't have a boat very long as next year it burned to the waterline. (Methodists are not necessarily good boat operators. . .)

Among Ed Knight's fascinating experiences is being in the Aleutians in time for the war in the Pacific to break out. It took him 6 months to get back to Seward and Gertrude Knight was called upon to replace him in many of the church activities.

Ed Knight could be innovative in some of the appointments. Bertha McGhee, a house-mother at Jesse Lee Home, was given an approved supply appointment to the little village of Hope, on Turnagain Arm, in 1944. Sunday School response was quite good and a combined church-parsonage log building was erected around 1946 (most of the construction by

Ed Knight). In 1977 the conference designated the Hope church as a Conference Retreat. Bertha, living and working at Jesse Lee, drove on weekends to the Hope church — over 150 miles round trip, on roads that were nothing like they are today. And in 1945, another church, Moose Pass, was added, and Bertha was serving a circuit on weekends. The Moose Pass Church building was built in 1956 and is now being served by lay pastors from Anchorage.

Tuberculosis, one of the worst health problems in the history of the State (and Territory) of Alaska, led to a new form of service in the Seward area. Beginning in July, 1946, the Woman's Division Christian Service began operating the Seward Sanatorium for the treatment of patients with tuberculosis. The buildings, which were remodeled for the purpose, were part of an army installation just outside of Seward. Providing 80 to 100 beds for TB patients, this Sanatorium was very effective in furthering the campaign against TB which was being coordinated by the Alaska Department of Health.

Gertrude Knight, wife of the Superintendent, was appointed Chaplain at the Seward San. Some of the newest methods of treating TB were introduced at Seward. The first chest surgery in Alaska was performed there at the San. The San was also one of the first institutions in the U. S. to begin and evaluate the new chemotherapeutic treatments. And one of the most successful of the programs begun here was the Voc Rehab Unit, where many of the patients, crippled by bone TB, learned new trades that they could use after leaving the hospital.

A congregation was organized in Anchorage in 1945 and a small log cabin was secured to serve as a church until a new building could be put up. The pastor, George Dolch, was hospitalized during the construction of the Baxter Memorial building during 1948, and the diagnosis was sensitivity to fiberglass insulation. Ground breaking for the Sanctuary building was in 1959, and after addition of an educational building in 1974, the original Baxter Memorial building was torn down.

The Mobile Ministry begun by Eugene Elliott in 1949, resulted in a number of new churches and preaching places being established on the Kenai Peninsula.

The above is part two of a projected four-part series of slides and cassettes on the History of Methodist work in Alaska. If adequate funding can be found and enough demand is evident, we would like to see this series made into filmstrips and made available for distribution to the Alaska churches, as well as churches in the other states. Material from the slide sets will also be used in the projected book on the history of Methodist work in Alaska, which we hope will be ready for distribution in time for the Centennial of the coming of the first Methodist workers in Alaska in 1886.

We have been corresponding with a number of persons who have been a part of the history of Methodist work in Alaska, and have received a number of valuable slides, pictures, books, scrapbooks, photo albums, and the promise of more, including tapes of reminiscences and write-ups of memoirs. If all the promises materialize, we will have some exciting materials to display for you during the next three years.

We have met with the Committee established by the CCOM and chaired by our Conference Lay Leader, Marion Gotschall, looking for effective ways to celebrate in our churches and in the Conference, the Bicentennial of Methodism in America in 1984 and the Centennial of Methodism in Alaska in 1986. We are encouraging the local churches to put special effort into preparing their own local church histories (pictorial as well as written, if possible) and to observe Heritage Sunday — the 4th Sunday in April — each year.

## X. RESOURCE CENTER

Ty Curtis, Chairperson

We have produced the conference newspaper, the Great Land NewsCache edition of The United Methodist Reporter, on a monthly basis utilizing stories and photographs from throughout the state. We anticipate continuing this schedule with some additional pages in 1983 and 1984. We continue to need stories and black and white or color photographs from all the churches and UM organizations in Alaska.

Public relation stories and information about United Methodist members and the churches are handled throughout the year.

We have arranged for MultiVisions in the greater Anchorage area to begin telecasting the United Methodist Communications programs sent over SATCOM IIIIR, Transponder 18. The system is now under construction with a projection of 30,000 households when completed. We are working with the Anchorage Church Council's committee on cable television on an ongoing basis. Cable TV companies throughout the state are being contacted about utilizing this satellite feed of UM programming.

A VHS video tape recorder and playback unit has been purchased and is in use by our

churches and various groups. It will be utilized in Southeast Alaskan United Methodist Churches during the summer months.

We have received authorization from the CCOM to purchase a video camera and at this time we're investigating features and prices. This unit should be placed in service this summer.

We are continuing to survey the various programs other United Methodist groups, conferences and jurisdictions are producing. We're trying to develop a way this information can easily be shared throughout the conference.

The Resource Center continues to supply audio visual and other media resources to the churches of the AMC. New resources continue to be received. The present resources are being surveyed as part of a plan to redo the present catalog on the AMC computer. Local churches are being surveyed in order to list the resources they will share with others. We plan to easily produce updates of the catalog on a regular basis.

A new schedule of membership fees for the Resource Center have been authorized by the CCOM and are being charged. These will enable us to obtain more resources on a regular basis. There is need for someone on the committee that is interested in working closely with the Resource Center, its catalog and usage records. Same salary as the chairman!

Many thanks to Mary Lou who really keeps the Resource Center operating by sending and receiving the requests on a daily basis. Don't know what we'd do without her!

## Y. CHURCH AND SOCIETY REPORT

Richard K. Heacock Jr., Chairperson

In 1775, John Wesley wrote Thomas Rankin, his American assistant, advising that the preachers remain non-partisan concerning the revolution "And say not one word against one or the other side." Mr. Wesley, however, did not follow his own advice!

Francis Asbury made the following entry in his journal March 19, 1776: "I received an affectionate letter from Mr. Wesley, and am truly sorry that the venerable man ever dipped into the politics of America. My desire is to live in love and peace with all men, to do them no harm but all the good I can. However, it discovers Mr. Wesley's conscientious attachment to the government under which he lived. Had he been a subject of America, no doubt he would have been as zealous and devoted to the American cause. But some inconsiderate persons have taken occasion to censure the Methodists in America on account of Mr. Wesley's political sentiments.

Jesse Lee wrote in his Short History of the Methodists that "Some of the Methodists were bound in conscience not to fight; and no threatenings could compel them to bear arms or hire a man to take their places. In consequence of this, some of them were whipped, some were fined, and some were imprisoned; others were sent home, and many were much persecuted . . . Yet, notwithstanding all their difficulties, they stood fast as one body, and waxed stronger and stronger in the Lord." (p. 77, 78)

Although it may be possible to be Christians and remain non-partisan (remaining free from any party affiliation or support); to be a citizen means to be political (relating to government or the conduct of government). Is there any significant issue that is not political in nature? Although it is always difficult to appraise the actions of public officials, John Wesley advised that whenever they are censured without reason, "we ought to preach politics in this sense also; we ought publicly to confute those unjust censures: Only remembering still, that this is rarely to be done, and only when fit occasion offers; it being our main business to preach 'repentance towards God, and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.'"

Alaska Methodists have always proclaimed the Gospel in its personal and social dimensions. In 1904, the Committee on Temperance stated that "The public looks to the church and its ministry for information and example on Christian Ethic. . ." The 1952 Social Action Committee expressed a concern for the "seeming indifference of Methodist pastors and laymen in working with Territory-wide ventures in social action . . ." "The ministers who may seem to stop short of making social application of their religion have no reason for surprise if laymen do likewise. We dare not have protecting pulpits which may become cowards' castle!" Ten years later, the Alaska Mission approved the use of Pastor's School funds for a "Race for Peace" program in Alaska to support nuclear disarmament. The Human Relations and Economic Affairs report urged Alaska Methodists to be sensitive to all minority groups and their needs, and especially to "the plight of the people of Point Hope who are facing possible radioactive hazards of the proposed experimental nuclear blasts of the Atomic Energy Commission's 'Project Chariot.'" In 1972, the Alaska Missionary Conference adopted a recommendation that 25% of the pastors appointed to Alaska be from minority groups "such as Blacks, Chicanos, Indians and women".

Last year, we adopted petitions in support of Title 16 (substance section) of the Alaska

Statutes; called upon the President and Congress to initiate a freeze on the testing, production and deployment of nuclear weapons and their delivery systems; and agreed to work with Alaska Pacific University in the development of international and interpersonal peace-making efforts and peace academies.

What remains is for each local congregation to have the means of being informed and involved in both the personal and the social change in God's New Age.

## **Z. CONFERENCE COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES**

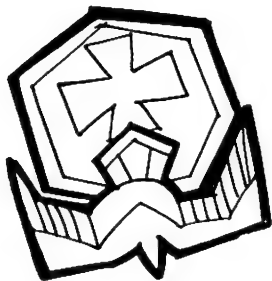
**Dennis Holway, Chairperson**

In an attempt to keep spending down in 1982-1983, our CCOM met only twice. In lieu of our fall meeting, an Executive Committee met in order to make necessary interim decisions as well as to discuss the agenda for our February 1983 meeting.

Two of our main goals were accomplished during this period. Dr. John Holbert of Perkins School of Theology presented a Bible Training Event to about 30 adults from throughout the Conference. Also under the direction of Editor Ty Curtis, we had our first full year of news from the United Methodist Report . . . GREAT LAND NEWSCACHE. Other events included the Lay-Clergy Retreat led by Lyle Schaller and a conference camp philosophy task force under the direction of Jim LaBau. The CCOM continues to be appreciative of the capable leadership received from our Coordinator, Glenna Getz.

As we look toward 1984, there seems to be an air of excitement as one anticipates the various opportunities for ministry. A task force is currently working on ways to celebrate United Methodism's 200th Anniversary and Alaska Methodism's 100th Anniversary in 1986. Both provide significant historical settings for a proposal that would start the Alaska Missionary Conference on an 18 month Long Range Planning process. Such a planning process would provide the conference with a clear sense of mission as it begins its next 100 years of ministry. In addition to the emphasis on planning, the Council anticipates hosting a Conference-wide United Methodist Heritage Event. The NewsCache will continue to be a priority, as well as youth ministry. Lay Speaker and Lay Care ministry will also be lifted up in 1984.

As the chairperson of the CCOM, it has been a real privilege working with the members of the Council. From the perspective of the Chair one can see the commitment of individuals and congregations from throughout Alaska. The support system that we have as a connectional church is deeply appreciated. As we move into another year, may we continue to be open to God's will for our shared ministry.



## VI. STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL RECORDS

### A. COUNCIL ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

#### Recommendations

1. That the 1982 concluding statistics be used to produce the 1984 Grade Point Figures.
2. That all requests for funds from the Conference budget be submitted to the Council before its spring meeting.
3. That the superintendent's salary be determined at the rate of 150% of the base salary for nonself-supporting churches, plus the appropriate amount for years of service and benefits provided all pastors.
4. That the total amount of salary subsidy be set at \$55,900 for 1984, in addition to \$20,000 from the New Ministries Fund.
5. That the total budget of the Alaska Missionary Conference for 1984 be \$417,657.
6. That the Grade Point Figure for each local church be the average of the Membership Grade Figure and the Local Expense Grade Figure.

The Membership Grade Figure equals total local church membership divided by the total Alaska Missionary Conference membership at the end of the last calendar year.

The Local Expense Grade Figure equals the individual church expenditure divided by the total expenditure of all Conference churches in the last calendar year. Local expenses include general church expenses, church school expenses, locally paid portions of pastor's salaries and other benefits. **NOT TO BE INCLUDED** are loan repayments, interest, building improvements, and benevolences.

To maintain the comparable levels of contributions for pensions, the following adjustments shall be made in the computation of apportionments of the pension's portion of the budget only.

- a. For churches with more than one ministerial position/salary, the full regular grade point figure is used for the first United Methodist ministerial position/salary. For each additional eligible United Methodist ministerial position/salary, the church shall be apportioned the full pension cost for that position. The full pension cost shall be computed at 16.4% of the DAC or the plan compensation (whichever is less) and shall be pro-rated for the effective months of the year.
  - b. For Union/United churches
    1. With one United Methodist minister — the grade point is doubled.
    2. With only non-United Methodist minister(s) — the grade point is zero (assuming that the pension for the minister is paid elsewhere).
7. That the apportionments set by the General Council on Finance and Administration be accepted for our Conference for the 1984 calendar year, recognizing that this is 50% of a regular Annual Conference apportionment.
  8. That all cash balances in the expenditure divisions of the Conference budget revert to the general fund at the end of the fiscal year, except funds in accounts for Christian Education Offering, Audio-Visual Library fees, Council on Youth Ministries, and Conference portion of the Ministerial Education Fund, Pastors-Spouse Retreat, as well as funds designated for Native Ministries, Office Equipment, Superintendent's Mission Vehicle, Annual Meeting Expenses, Ministerial Counseling, and Heritage Fund which may be held over for the next year.
  9. That all churches participate in Advance special giving.
  10. That all the churches give vigorous support to all United Methodist Institutions in Alaska as follows:

Alaska Pacific University  
Alaska Children's Services  
Nome Community Center  
University Community Min., Anch.  
United Campus Ministry, Fairbanks

Wesleyan Nursing Home, Seward  
Birchwood Camp  
Argetsinger Camp  
Local church approved  
Advance Specials



11. That all churches receiving funds to supplement the amount paid the pastor by the local church shall conduct an Annual Every Member Visitation.
12. That we aggressively develop increased local financial support within the Conference.
13. That the Conference be aware of Conference Rule B-6, Section 3, which states, "All requests for apportionments upon the charges or the pastors for Conference-wide appeals for financial support for special causes shall first have to be referred to the Council on Finance and Administration."
14. That all agencies receiving funds from apportionments shall submit audits annually to the Council before its spring meeting.
15. Encourage local church giving to a church extension "building club."
16. Approve a Heritage Offering for a 1984 and 1986 celebration of Methodism in the United States and Alaska.





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the United Methodist Church

We have reviewed the accompanying statement of assets and fund balances of Alaska Missionary Conference of the United Methodist Church as of December 31, 1982 and the related statements of cash receipts and disbursements, and changes in fund balance for the year then ended, in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. All information included in these financial statements is the representation of the management of the Alaska Missionary Conference of the United Methodist Church.

A review consists principally of inquiries of company personnel and analytical procedures applied to financial data. It is substantially less in scope than an examination in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

February 23, 1983

*Bigler, Kohler & Obendorf*

**C. STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND FUND BALANCES  
ARISING FROM CASH TRANSACTIONS  
December 31, 1982**

**ASSETS**

**CASH**

Checking account at National Bank of Alaska	\$ 89,941
Six month savings certificate at First Federal Savings and Loan Association	24,976
Four year savings certificate at First Federal Savings and Loan Association	9,586
Six month savings certificate at Alaska Mutual Savings Bank	48,838
United Methodist investment fund certificates of participation	34,340
Investment in common stock, at cost	39,987
Investment account with Shearson/American Express	<u>75,873</u>
	<u><u>\$323,541</u></u>

**FUND BALANCES**

**FUND BALANCES**

Ministerial support	\$ 60,352
Connectional administration	(15,200)
World service	(2,418)
Mission sharing	(18,960)
Conference projects fund	162,749
Facilitation accounts	<u>137,018</u>
	<u><u>\$323,541</u></u>

See accountants' review report and notes to financial statements.



**D. NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**December 31, 1982**  
**See Accountants' Review Report**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accounting policies that affect the more significant elements of the financial statements are summarized as follows:

- a. Records are maintained on a cash receipts method of accounting.
- b. All receipts and disbursements are accounted for by separate funds.

**2. COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

During the year ended December 31, 1982, the Alaska Missionary Conference of the United Methodist Church adopted a new electronic data processing system. The financial statements have been prepared in a format designed to compliment the new system, enabling management to use the financial statements in the budgeting process. Because significant changes in statement format have been implemented, this year's financial statements are not comparable to prior years', therefore, prior year figures are not disclosed.

**3. COMMON STOCKS**

During 1982, the Alaska Missionary Conference held the following common stocks:

	Shares	Cost
Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company	800	10,942
Public Service Company of Colorado	800	11,145
Portland General Electric Company	1,245	17,900
		<u>\$39,987</u>

At December 31, 1982, the aggregate market value of the common stock portfolio had increased to \$48,336 which resulted in the recovery of the unrealized loss provision of \$2,491 accrued in the prior year.



Table 1

	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP										CHURCH SCHOOL										U.M.M.	U.M.W.	PROPERTY & OTHER ASSETS												
	Total members reported at close of last year	Received on Confession of Faith or Restored		Received from Other UM Churches	Received from Other Denominations	Removed by Charge Conf. action	Withdrawn	Total Removed or Withdrawn	Removed by Transfer to Other UM Churches	Removed by Transfer to Other Denominations	Removed by death	Total members at close of this year	Avg. attend. principal weekly worship service	No. baptized this year	Preparatory Members now on Roll (all baptized children under 16)	Number of Persons On Constituency Roll	Total enrolled in confirmation classes	Number of Leaders	Children in all classes & groups (B-6th grade)	Youth (7th thru h.s.) All Classes & Groups	Adults (post high school) All Classes & Groups	Total Church School Membership	Avg. Attendance Sunday Church School (all ages)	Avg. Attendance on-going classes & groups	Avg. Attend. short term classes & groups	Members joining on Confirm. of faith	Membership in Chartered UMM	Amount Paid for Projects	Membership in UMW	Amount Paid for Local Church & Community Work	Value of church land, buildings & equipment	Value of Church-owned parsonages & furniture	Value of Other Assets (cash, securities, other properties, etc.)	Indebtedness of land, buildings, equipment, furniture and other assets	Other indebtedness (current expenses, etc.)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5a)	(5b)	(5c)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)	(32)	
Anchorage:																																			
Anchor Park	263	28	27	11	12	0	12	5	4	1	307	276	30	123	228	7	66	172	34	162	434	157	187	335	6	32	435	15	140	858079	132400	18000	2380	0	
East Anchorage	190	3	20	7	5	2	7	17	0	0	196	101	6	112	140	0	20	75	25	40	160	86	45	40	0	0	0	24	531	848000	125000	16300	55339	0	
First Anchorage	367	26	42	6	8	10	18	10	1	3	408	233	23	139	117	5	42	62	23	68	195	123	22	156	5	0	0	69	2350	2835000	194845	21283	31453	0	
Jewel Lake*	118	9	4	5	1	4	5	3	2	0	126	67	6	30	40	5	8	28	5	5	46	31	0	63	2	0	0	8	0	197500	100000	13085	25582	0	
St. John	296	20	26	7	3	3	6	4	4	0	335	151	12	96	29	10	35	75	18	12	140	84	20	18	10	0	0	33	375	1200000	120000	110039	325000	5472	
South Anchorage	42	5	2	4	0	18	18	2	0	0	33	34	3	14	74	10	6	20	15	31	72	10	4	12	3	0	0	0	0	300000	150000	8209	111435	0	
Turnagain	219	8	7	7	0	1	1	9	0	2	229	84	4	93	34	1	7	31	14	10	62	20	10	19	1	0	0	10	0	1023000	126600	0	0	0	
Chuglak	150	5	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	155	114	8	73	153	0	11	45	30	36	122	80	14	140	0	0	0	0	0	545000	215000	18862	0	0	
Douglas	97	3	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	108	68	4	23	50	0	8	16	4	14	42	18	8	0	1	0	0	22	1146	545900	90100	11159	55712	0	
Fairbanks	488	68	24	11	0	0	0	6	2	1	583	196	24	57	93	20	33	103	35	50	221	107	22	0	14	0	0	25	567	1372704	181000	30000	155000	0	
Girdwood	19	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	18	3	8	0	0	2	12	4	8	26	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	125000	0	4100	2814	0	
Homer	75	4	1	5	0	4	4	0	0	0	81	89	4	40	97	8	12	42	18	20	92	55	30	40	4	0	0	18	1359	446180	127840	12884	0	0	
Juneau*	189	6	3	2	0	0	0	3	1	1	195	86	5	27	100	4	7	27	10	22	66	53	12	12	4	0	0	12	700	360000	0	180000	19800	0	
Kenai	166	2	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	186	90	4	101	51	0	14	50	29	46	139	67	20	0	0	0	0	45	1155	451860	79830	6000	0	0	
Ketchikan	321	2	7	5	1	0	1	2	3	4	325	135	1	32	70	2	27	62	15	29	133	87	41	29	2	0	0	19	726	804400	114800	3690	0	3189	
Moose Pass	14	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	11	10	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	85000	0	0	0	0	
Ninilchik	24	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	19	0	0	0	0	2	9	0	5	16	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100700	0	0	0	0	
Nome	154	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	2	2	148	58	4	0	0	3	12	25	20	24	81	30	30	45	0	0	0	21	1813	644920	90000	5270	0	0	
North Kenai	25	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	51	5	12	0	4	10	24	14	8	56	31	10	16	3	0	0	0	0	110000	12000	0	20000	0	
North Pole*	27	5	3	3	5	0	5	1	0	0	32	35	2	0	0	4	8	26	8	9	51	35	8	23	3	0	0	0	0	61000	0	2533	1888	0	
Parks Highway Parish																																			
Trapper Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	2	5	0	4	11	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Willow	0	14	5	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	22	11	1	15	7	3	4	8	4	19	15	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	32000	0	0	26902	0	
Seward	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	50	42	4	16	25	0	6	20	12	26	64	44	12	0	0	0	0	15	720	335000	158000	18500	0	0	
Sitka	104	2	1	0	2	0	2	1	0	0	104	62	1	48	41	0	10	30	30	15	85	52	25	10	1	0	0	12	2376	347950	178000	3429	19888	0	
Soldotna	119	0	7	2	6	1	7	1	1	0	119	68	14	89	67	2	9	38	5	20	72	34	7	48	0	0	0	16	780	260000	109000	15500	3900	0	
Total:	3521	220	195	95	46	43	89	70	20	15	3837	2121	178	1134	1427	92	362	1001	376	668	2405	1244	527	1013	66	32	435	364	14738	13889187	2304415	498843	856093	8661	
Total Last Year:	3377	157	146	69	61	40	101	87	31	9	3521	1907	158	1056	1453	116	319	999	327	629	2274	1145	336	848	70	25	200	364	16203	12534984	2231840	529180	554793	5987	
Increase:	144	63	49	26	0	3	0	0	0	6	316	214	20	78	0	0	43	2	49	39	131	99	191	165	0	7	235	0	0	1354203	72575	0	301300	2674	
Decrease	0	0	0	0	15	0	12	17	11	0	0	0	0	0	26	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	1465	0	0	30337	0	0	

\* Half reported—United Methodist and United Presbyterian Churches

Table 2

		LOCAL CHURCH EXPENDITURES						MINISTERIAL SUPPORT										
						Benevolences Paid Directly by Local Church	LOCAL CHURCH										OTHER THAN LOCAL CHURCH	
		Principal & Interest on Indebtedness, Loans, etc.	Paid on Buildings & Improvements (not including borrowed funds)	Current Expenses for Program (incl. Church School)	Other Current Operating Expenses (not including program expenses)		Pastor's Salary		Associate's Salary		Total Salaries Paid	Utilities & other cash allowances paid	Pastor's Travel	Pensions	Mission Sharing Fund		Ministerial Support	
							Amount Set	Amount Paid	Amount Set	Amount Paid					Apportioned	Paid	Apportioned	Paid
		(33)	(34)	(35)	(36)	(37)	(38a)	(38b)	(39a)	(39b)	(39c)	(40c)	(41c)	(43b)	(46a)	(46b)	(48a)	(48b)
Anchorage:																		
Anchor Park	Arthur W. Edwards	2291	9067	25408	31549	7641	21514	21514	0	0	21514	3119	0	4555	3765	3765	1561	1561
East Anchorage	John J. Shaffer	11634	181	9176	34770	1212	21394	21394	0	0	21394	0	3751	3693	2765	2765	1267	1267
First Anchorage	James W. Buffington	25776	0	27311	79926	500	22105	22105	11049	11049	33154	5120	5070	7021	5519	5519	2407	2407
Jewel Lake*	Donald L. Hartman	7612	7021	10218	11193	3321	10500	10500	0	0	10500	0	1600	3390	1547	1547	581	581
St. John	John C. Forney	5899	147737	12966	26239	2202	18170	18170	14900	14900	33070	1128	5198	4758	2448	2448	1631	1631
South Anchorage	Tyler C. Curtis	5176	0	1135	3596	359	4500	4500	0	0	4500	1712	2000	896	0	0	308	308
Turnagain	Charles A. Nowlen	0	0	11849	36689	1330	25372	25372	0	0	25372	964	2417	4481	2007	2007	1535	1535
Chuglak	Jon F. Langenwalter	0	0	9689	25122	5361	17000	17000	0	0	17000	831	3300	2763	1281	1281	948	948
Douglas	Arthur P. Knight	11183	7503	2386	12094	652	14900	14900	0	0	14900	2482	1600	1921	644	644	659	659
Fairbanks	Richard K. Heacock, Jr.	65740	10650	25274	71139	8109	23738	23738	0	0	23738	0	4033	7716	6853	6853	2646	2646
Girdwood	John C. Garvin	0	0	69	1299	0	600	600	0	0	600	0	1350	249	0	0	85	85
Hogner	Keith B. Wise	7469	395	2707	14546	0	15040	15040	0	0	15040	0	650	1631	0	0	560	560
Juneau*	John R. Tindell	3209	8001	27079	20786	3895	14908	14908	10309	10309	25217	0	1991	6746	2955	2955	1156	1156
Kenai	Bradley D. Wade	0	6245	2420	12662	1786	16379	16379	0	0	16379	450	2524	2655	893	893	911	911
Ketchikan	William G. Trudeau	0	0	8169	45979	1864	12550	12535	15880	17915	30450	8734	1900	4886	3133	3133	1674	1674
Moose Pass	Ruth McMillan	0	4000	804	1795	200	0	0	0	0	0	0	720	222	0	0	76	76
Ninilchik	John Molletti	0	0	558	5023	221	2100	2100	0	0	2100	0	660	573	0	0	195	195
Nome	Debbie & John Pitney	0	12300	4608	36646	0	19020	19020	0	0	19020	0	1600	2655	0	0	911	911
North Kenai	William S. Still III	0	33846	2686	4716	0	16790	16790	0	0	16790	489	2400	1112	373	373	382	382
North Pole*	Peter F. Maier	3078	922	3087	7758	0	9400	7939	0	0	7939	0	932	0	1097	562	321	321
Parks Highway Parish																		
Trapper Creek	Jack K. Christian	1000	0	440	1625	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Willow	Jack K. Christian	6098	526	538	2499	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Seward	Judith Bither-Terry	0	6700	3205	22410	60	7500	7500	0	0	7500	1200	1500	1381	0	0	473	473
Sitka	Carol & Kevin Seckel	2034	2984	2062	6768	551	16395	16211	0	0	16211	4735	2625	1934	0	0	664	664
Soldotna	Kenneth H. Hepner	670	4395	1258	13576	474	14200	14200	0	0	14200	0	3000	2150	720	720	737	737
Total:		158869	262473	195102	530414	39738	322775	322415	52138	54173	376588	30964	50821	67388	36000	35465	21688	21688
Total Last Year:		93082	170063	143391	392255	33732	276021	279527	14708	14708	294235	41658	47292	2145	36000	35092	56490	56534
Increase:		65787	92410	51711	138159	6006	46754	42888	37430	39465	82353	0	3529	65243	0	373	0	0
Decrease:		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10694	0	0	0	0	0	34802	34846

\* Half reported—United Methodist and United Presbyterian Church

Table 3

CONNECT. ADMIN. FUNDS				BENEVOLENCES																		
				World Service & Conference Benevolences		General Advance Specials		Special Day Offerings				Annual Conference Special Offerings										
	Apportioned	Paid	Apportioned	Paid	General Advance Specials	World Service Special Gifts	Total	Youth Service Fund	One Great Hour of Sharing	World Communion	United Methodist Student Day	Human Relations Day	Christian Education Sunday	Golden Cross Sunday	New ministries	Conference Advance Specials	Higher Education	Birchwood Camp	Pension Crusade	All Other Benevolences	United Methodist Women	GRAND TOTAL PAID
	(54a)	(54b)	(55a)	(55b)	(60a)	(60b)	(60c)	(61a)	(62a)	(62b)	(62c)	(62d)	(63a)	(63b)	(64)	(65)	(66)	(67)	(69)	(70)	(71)	(72)
Anchorage:																						
Anchor Park	2692	2692	2881	2881	419	0	419	0	1175	214	0	91	0	0	2872	0	0	0	0	27	850	121691
East Anchorage	2184	2184	2336	2336	400	0	400	0	500	0	547	0	75	0	4451	200	500	150	0	0	1315	102601
First Anchorage	4151	4151	4441	4441	385	0	385	0	788	637	193	392	331	0	9908	50	0	0	100	11	0	213191
Jewel Lake*	1002	1002	1072	1072	1097	0	1097	0	210	0	0	0	48	0	371	0	580	1000	0	210	0	62573
St. John	2812	2812	3009	3009	200	0	200	0	604	236	0	0	117	0	6397	0	713	0	0	280	800	258444
South Anchorage	531	531	568	568	0	0	0	0	65	0	0	0	0	0	530	0	0	0	0	10	0	21386
Turnagain	2647	2647	2832	2832	473	0	473	0	237	158	75	31	0	0	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	93207
Chuglak	1634	1634	1748	1748	338	0	338	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	3350	0	0	0	192	0	0	73584
Douglas	1137	1137	1216	1216	227	60	287	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	595	0	0	0	0	0	1061	60320
Fairbanks	4562	4562	4881	4881	4090	0	4090	0	5002	210	0	176	0	0	14311	0	0	0	2317	1802	263249	
Girdwood	146	146	156	156	100	0	100	0	200	150	25	25	25	0	50	200	100	0	0	0	0	4829
Homer	965	965	1032	1032	0	0	0	45	316	155	0	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	418	46018
Juneau*	1903	1903	2132	2132	1650	0	1650	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11203	0	0	0	0	0	975	118898
Kenai	1570	1570	1680	1680	6	0	6	0	146	146	146	146	146	146	1100	0	0	0	148	0	756	53061
Ketchikan	2887	2887	3089	3089	235	0	235	0	186	0	0	50	44	0	685	4	0	0	0	0	600	114569
Moose Pass	131	131	140	140	13	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8161
Ninilchik	337	337	360	360	94	0	94	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	0	10121
Nome	1570	1570	1680	1680	0	0	0	0	167	0	0	0	0	0	240	0	0	0	0	0	1075	82472
North Kenai	658	658	704	704	117	0	117	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	660	0	0	0	0	0	0	64933
North Pole*	553	370	592	390	0	0	0	0	147	0	0	0	0	0	125	0	0	0	0	67	0	25698
Parks Highway Parish																						
Trapper Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3145
Willow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9718
Seward	815	815	872	875	40	0	40	0	292	0	0	0	73	0	140	0	0	0	10	0	0	46674
Sitka	1144	1144	1224	1224	154	0	154	0	341	276	60	82	0	0	250	0	0	0	0	0	225	44324
Soldotna	1271	1271	1360	1360	459	0	459	0	465	11	0	0	94	0	2250	0	0	0	0	396	300	47786
Total:	37302	37119	40005	39808	10497	60	10557	45	10959	2212	1046	1110	953	146	59588	454	1893	1150	450	3378	10177	1950653
Total Last Year:	20250	20101	20260	20110	6010	863	6873	0	9203	1692	527	633	695	127	58296	3453	2250	0	35	4673	16244	1454491
Increase:	17052	17018	19745	19696	4487	0	3684	45	1756	520	519	477	258	19	1292	0	0	1150	415	0	0	498162
Decrease:	0	0	0	0	0	803	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2999	357	0	0	1295	6067	0

\* Half reported—United Methodist and United Presbyterian

# F. 1983 PASTORAL SUPPORT

## 1983 SALARY

Church/Pastor	Actual Total Salary	Housing Allow.	Other Benefits	Car Allow.	Salary Subsidy (incl. in) Total Salary
<b>ANCHORAGE:</b>					
Anch. Park, Edwards	25,000	Pars.	7,200	Furnished	
E. Anch, Shaffer	22,600	12,000		3,751	
First Anch, Buffington	23,800	12,000	550	3,300	
Holway	16,500	Pars.	400	2,800	
Jewel Lake, Hartman	21,815	Pars.	500	4,000	
St. John, Forney	19,420	Pars.	750	2,600	
Clark	15,600	7,200	400	2,600	
S. Anch, Curtis	16,200	Pars.		2,200	(11,100)
Turnagain, Nowlen	26,542	Pars.	500	2,400	
Chugiak, Langenwalter	18,500	Pars.	840	3,300	
Douglas, Knight	16,300	Pars.		2,000	
Fairbanks, Heacock	22,050	14,400		4,400	
Girdwood, Garvin	pt 1,200			1,200	
Homer, Wise	18,500	Pars.		2,600	2,000
Juneau, Tindell	26,665	13,300	1,596	2,384	
Hom	18,000	8,000	200	2,200	
Kenai, Wade	19,120	Pars.	250	2,500	
Ketchikan, Trudeau	21,841	8,100		1,200	
Vostry	17,427	Provided		1,200	
Moose Pass, McMillan				720	
Ninilchik, Molletti	pt 2,100	2,540		660	
Nome, D. Pitney	ht 10,000	Pars.		800	20,000
J. Pitney	ht 10,050	Pars.		800	
North Kenai, Still	17,000	Pars.		2,400	
North Pole	16,400	Furnished		2,500	2,000
Parks Highway Parish	18,200	10,200		4,200	32,600
Trapper Creek					
Willow, Christian					
Seward, Bither-Terry	17,300	Pars.		1,500	6,000
Sitka, C. Seckel	ht 8,250	Pars.		1,149	4,446
K. Seckel	ht 8,150	Pars.			
Soldotna, Hepner	21,100	Pars.	300	2,800	
Supt., Stanton	24,500	Pars.	300	Furnished	

# G. CONFERENCE COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES BUDGET 1984

I. PROGRAM GOALS	Budget Amount	Other Income	Apportionment
A. Long Range Planning	\$	\$	\$
B. Communication & Organization			
United Methodist Reporter	7,776		7,776
C. Spiritual Growth			
United Methodist Heritage Event	3,000	1,000 <sup>a</sup>	2,000
D. Youth			
1. Bi-monthly mailings to adult leaders	75		75
2. Yearly CCYN meeting (travel/food)	1,500		1,500
3. Confirmation Camp	0		0
4. Winter Convocation			
a. Southeast	600		600
b. South Central	600		600
5. Western Jurisdiction Youth Ministry Convocation — 2 youth, 1 leader	400		400
Totals	\$13,951	\$ 1,000	\$12,951
II. ONGOING PROGRAMS			
A. Discipleship			
1. Administration	\$ 50	\$	\$ 50
2. Education	700	600 <sup>b</sup>	100
3. Outdoor Ministry			
a. Administration	30		30
b. Southeast	800		800
c. Nome	250		250
d. Birchwood	800		800
e. Camp Program	500		500
4. Resource Center	800	250 <sup>c</sup>	550
5. Historical			
a. Historical Society	0		0
b. Bicentennial	2,000	1,000 <sup>d</sup>	1,000
6. Worship	90		90
7. Family Ministries	0		0
8. Evangelism	0		0
Totals	\$ 6,020	\$ 1,850	\$ 4,170
B. Church and Society			
1. Administration and Materials	\$ 560	\$	\$ 560
a. Travel	500		500
2. Religion and Race	600		600
3. Status and Role of Women	300		300
Totals	\$ 1,960	\$	\$ 1,960
C. Global Ministries			
1. Administration	\$ 50	\$	\$ 50
2. Missions Secretary			
a. Telephone and administration	50		50
b. Travel	500		500
3. Missionary Itineration	400		400
4. New Church Development (Church Extension)	25,100	25,000 <sup>e</sup>	100
5. Ecumenical Affairs			
a. Alaska Christian Conference	840		840
6. Native Ministries	1,500	1,500 <sup>f</sup>	0
7. Specialized Congregational Ministries	500		500
8. Health and Welfare	150	150 <sup>g</sup>	0
Totals	\$29,090	\$26,650	\$ 2,440

	Budget Amount	Other Income	Apportionment
<b>D. Lay Life and Work</b>			
1. Administration	\$ 50	\$	\$ 50
2. General Ministry			
a. Lay Clergy Conference	0		0
b. Lay Speaker Training	1,500		1,500
c. Lay Care Ministry	1,500		1,500
3. Lay Leader Administration	300		300
a. Lay Leader Travel	750		750
4. Lay Speaker Coordinator			
a. Administration	50		50
Totals	\$ 4,150	\$ 0	\$ 4,150
<b>E. Council on Ministries</b>			
1. Travel and Meetings	\$ 3,000	\$	\$ 3,000
2. Coordinator			
a. Salary	5,200		5,200
b. Clerical Salary	1,560		1,560
c. Employee Benefits/Taxes	600		600
d. Program and Administration	450		450
e. Coordinator Travel	550		550
3. Emerging Needs Fund	500		500
Totals	\$11,860	\$ 0	\$11,860
CCOM BUDGET TOTALS	\$67,031	\$29,500	\$37,531

- a. 1,000 — Heritage Offering
- b. 600 — Christian Ed. Sunday Offering
- c. 250 — AV Membership Fee
- d. 1,000 — Heritage Offering
- e. 25,000 — Proposed EMLC Grant and New Ministries
- f. 1,500 — Native Ministries Account
- g. 150 — Golden Cross Offering



# H. ALASKA MISSIONARY CONFERENCE 1984 BUDGET

	1982 Actual	1983 Budget	1984 Budget
<b>I. EXPENSES</b>			
<b>A. MINISTERIAL SUPPORT</b>			
1. Episcopal Fund	1883	2272	3084
2. Pension & Death Benefit	71388	88613	106455
3. Superintendent Fund			
a. Salary	23549	24850	25550
b. Travel	4596	7000	7000
c. Utilities	1575	2000	2000
d. Mission House			
1. Administration		1800	1800
2. Entertainment	840	750	900
e. Auto Expense	1312	2400	2400
f. HMEP	1200	2400	2500
g. Continuing Education	282	300	300
4. Ministerial Support			
a. Salary Subsidy	54425	48500	55900
b. New Ministries (Parks Highway Parish & ½ Year New York)	34439	36000	20000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>195489</b>	<b>216885</b>	<b>227889</b>
<b>B. CONNECTIONAL ADMINISTRATION</b>			
1. General Church Apportionments			
a. Temporary General Aid	263	300	330
b. General Administration	516	516	516
c. Interdenominational Cooperation	201	201	201
d. Jurisdictional Administration	163	163	163
e. Ministerial Education Fund	3105	4353	5403
f. Black College Fund	1449	1829	2230
g. Missional Priorities	875	875	875
2. Conference Office Expense			
a. Office Expense	5219	5550	7200
b. Salaries	18000	20000	22000
c. Tax	2016	2360	2500
Worker's Comp.	272	85	350
d. Part-time Secretary	0	300	4400
e. Office Equipment	804	700	1000
f. Legal & Accounting	2037	4000	3500
g. Rent	4200	5000	5000
3. Annual Meeting			
a. Journal	3657	3800	3800
b. Secretary Expense		200	400
c. Annual Meeting	7942	13000	14000
4. Conference Administration			
a. Council on Fin. Admin.		1100	1200
b. Equitable Salary		200	1200
c. Trustees		500	600
d. Church Location Bldg.		300	300
f. Promotion		500	500
g. Courtesy		150	150
h. Episcopacy & Supt.		450	450
i. Nom. Ref. & Counsel		150	600
j. Stewardship		0	0
k. Pension Administration		100	200
l. Mission Administration			
1. Hope Retreat		200	400
2. Mission Vehicles			
a. Birchwood Snow Removal	1200	1200	1200
b. Mission Vehicle	1086	800	100

	1982 Actual	1983 Budget	1984 Budget
m. Conference Wide Planning			3000
5. Area Office Administration		500	500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>53005</b>	<b>69382</b>	<b>85168</b>
<b>C. WORLD SERVICE AND CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES</b>			
1. World Service	6435	8135	9919
2. Youth Service Fund			
3. Conference Benevolences			
a. Council on Ministries	21460	32996	67031
b. Board Ordained Ministry			
1. Continuing Education	460	1450	3500
2. Administration		1250	2000
3. Pastor/Spouse	3933	4600	3000
c. Board of Diaconal Min.	334	474	2400
d. Church Workers Counseling			1000
e. Campus Ministries			
1. UCM, Fairbanks	10250	10500	10750
2. UCM, Anchorage	3000	3600	5000
f. Council on Fin. & Admin.	1170		
g. Contingency Fund	1308		
h. Equitable Salary Comm.	387		
i. Trustees	231		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>48945</b>	<b>64505</b>	<b>104600</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>297439</b>	<b>350772</b>	<b>417657</b>

	Total	Ministerial Support	Conn. Admin.	World Service Conf. Benev.
<b>II. SOURCES OF INCOME</b>				
Apportionments	235380	92834	60168	82378
	(up 19%)	(up \$2)	(up 21%)	(up 50%)
Mission Sharing	42000	42000		
Block Grant	50000	30000	10000	10000
Pension Interest	18055	18055		
New Ministries Fund	29000	29000		
EMLC GBGM	9000	9000		
Korean Church 7.5% GBGM	7000	7000		
Misc.	2722			2722
Annual Meeting Fund	6000		6000	
Heritage Offering	2000			2000
Native Ministries	1500			1500
Education Offering	600			600
Contingency	14000		9000	5000
AV Membership	250			250
Golden Cross	150			150
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>417657</b>	<b>227889</b>	<b>85168</b>	<b>104600</b>

# I. APPORTIONMENTS, 1984

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
<b>Anchorage:</b>															
Anchor Park	307	.0800	81590	.0690	.0745	.0677	5652		208	5860	4482	6137	.0887	3726	20205
East Anchorage	196	.0511	69091	.0585	.0548	.0498	4157		153	4310	3297	4514	.0652	2738	14859
First Anchorage	408	.1063	150581	.1274	.1168	.1061	8857	3280	326	12463	7028	9622	.1391	5842	34955
Jewel Lake*	126	.0328	33511	.0284	.0306	.0556	4642		86	4728	1841	2521	.0364	1529	10619
St. John	335	.0873	78601	.0665	.0769	.0699	5835	3280	215	9330	4627	6335	.0916	3847	24139
South Anchorage	33	.0086	12943	.0109	.0098	.0089	743		27	770	590	807			2167
Turnagain	229	.0597	77301	.0654	.0626	.0569	4750		175	4925	3766	5157	.0745	3129	16977
<b>Chugiak</b>	155	.0404	55942	.0473	.0438	.0398	3323		122	3445	2635	3608	.0522	2192	11880
Douglas	108	.0282	33462	.0283	.0282	.0256	2137		79	2216	1697	2323	.0336	1411	7647
Fairbanks	583	.1519	124184	.1051	.1285	.1169	9759		359	10118	7732	10586	.1530	6426	34862
Girdwood	24	.0063	3318	.0028	.0046	.0042	350		13	363	277	379			1019
Homer	81	.0211	32942	.0279	.0245	.0223	1861		69	1930	1474	2018			5422
<b>Juneau*</b>	195	.0508	75073	.0635	.0572	.1040	8682		160	8842	3442	4712	.0681	2860	19856
Kenai	186	.0485	34435	.0291	.0388	.0353	2947		108	3055	2334	3196	.0462	1941	10526
Ketchikan	325	.0847	95232	.0806	.0827	.0752	6278		231	6509	4976	6813	.0985	4137	22435
Moose Pass	11	.0029	3319	.0028	.0028	.0025	209		8	217	168	230			615
Ninilchik	26	.0068	8341	.0071	.0070	.0064	534		20	554	421	577			1552
<b>Nome</b>	148	.0386	61874	.0524	.0455	.0413	3448		127	3575	2738	3748			10061
North Kenai	31	.0081	27081	.0229	.0155	.0141	1177		43	1220	933	1277	.0184	773	4203
North Pole*	32	.0083	19716	.0167	.0125	.0226	1887		35	1922	752	1030			3704
<b>Parks Highway Parish:</b>															
Trapper Creek	0	.0000	(2065)												
Willow	25	.0065	3,037	.0026	.0046	.0042	350		13	363	277	379			1019
<b>Seward</b>	50	.0130	35815	.0303	.0216	.0196	1636		60	1696	1300	1779			4775
Sitka	104	.0271	32401	.0274	.0272	.0247	2062		76	2138	1636	2441			6215
Soldotna	119	.0310	32034	.0271	.0290	.0264	2204		81	2285	1745	2389	.0345	1449	7868
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3837</b>	<b>1.0000</b>	<b>1181824</b>	<b>1.0000</b>	<b>1.0000</b>	<b>1.0000</b>	<b>83480</b>	<b>6560</b>	<b>2794</b>	<b>92834</b>	<b>60168</b>	<b>82578</b>	<b>1.0000</b>	<b>42000</b>	<b>277580</b>

A Membership 1982

B % of Conference Total

C Total Columns 35,36,39,40c & 41c

D % of Conference Total 1984

E Average % = Grade Figure

\*United Church—reports half

F Pro-Rata Grade Figure for Penisons Only

G Pensions

H Associate Pastor's Pension

I Other Ministerial Support

J Total Ministerial Support

K Connectional Administration

L World Service and Conference Benevolences

M Pro-Rata Grade Figure for Ministerial Support

N Mission Sharing

O Total Apportionments

## J. NEW MINISTRIES CAMPAIGN

Received as of April 14, 1983

	Pledged	Paid
<b>Anchorage:</b>		
Anchor Park	\$ 5,123.00	\$ 5,097.00
Bayshore	1,437.60	2,388.20
East Anchorage	10,000.00	8,527.00
First Anchorage	20,568.00	19,243.00
Jewel Lake Parish	3,890.00	4,270.00
St. John	10,743.00	13,537.00*
Turnagain	6,727.00	2,910.00
<b>Chugiak</b>	<b>11,393.00</b>	<b>5,369.00</b>
<b>Douglas</b>		<b>1,355.00</b>
<b>Fairbanks, First</b>	<b>31,600.00</b>	<b>30,030.62</b>
<b>Fairbanks UMW</b>		<b>266.67</b>
<b>Girdwood</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>50.00</b>
<b>Homer</b>		
<b>Juneau, Northern Light</b>	<b>18,370.40</b>	<b>18,702.65</b>
<b>Kenai, Church of the New Covenant</b>	<b>1,920.00</b>	<b>2,720.00</b>
<b>Ketchikan, First</b>		<b>4,689.00</b>
<b>Ninilchik, Church of St. Peter the Fisherman</b>		<b>145.00</b>
<b>Nome</b>	<b>1,826.00</b>	<b>1,244.00</b>
<b>North Star</b>	<b>1,754.00</b>	<b>1,250.00</b>
<b>North Pole, New Hope</b>	<b>1,947.00</b>	<b>752.00</b>
<b>Seward</b>	<b>890.00</b>	<b>435.00</b>
<b>Moose Pass</b>		
<b>Sitka</b>	<b>2,514.80</b>	<b>624.70</b>
<b>Soldotna</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$133,753.00</b>	<b>\$126,606.84</b>

\*Amount received over pledged amount applies toward Korean Ministry



## VII. RECOMMENDATIONS AND PETITIONS

### A. Recommendations

#### 1. Church and Society

- a. Nominate and elect a Chairperson of the Church and Society Work Area or other equivalent committee to fulfill the purpose outlined in Para. 260.2 of the 1980 Discipline.
- b. Send the name and address of the person elected to this office to the Chairperson of the Alaska Missionary Conference Church and Society work area.
- c. Have the local church Chairperson (or other designated person) subscribe to the following and keep the local Council on Ministries/Administrative Board updated on major issues:
  - National IMPACT — 100 Maryland Avenue, N. E., Washington, D. C. 20002 (\$10.50 yr.)
  - ENGAGE/SOCIAL ACTION — Box 189, 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville, TN 37202 (\$10.00 yr.)
  - COALITION — 120 Maryland Avenue, N. E., Washington, D. C. 20002 (\$10.00 yr.)

#### 2. Equitable Salary Commission

The Equitable Salary Commission recommends the following for 1984: The base salary for the Alaska Missionary Conference will be a total of \$18,200. This is approximately 5% more than the 1983 base salary. The exact amount in each case will be worked out by each pastor and congregation, and will include the following components.

Salary  
Social Security  
Health Insurance  
Tax Sheltered Annuity

In addition to the \$18,200 for the above items, add the following three:

- a. Experience factor of \$100 per service year, up to 25, from date of being ordained Deacon.
- b. Area Cost of Living Adjustments
  - 1) Anchorage 0% added
  - 2) Kenai Peninsula/North Pole 10% of \*\$15,700
  - 3) Nome 30% of \*\$15,700
  - 4) Sitka/Fairbanks/Parks Highway 5% of \*\$15,700
  - 5) All others 0% added

\*\$15,700 represents the base salary less the estimated 1984 \$2,500 cost of hospital/health insurance.

- c. A parsonage and full utilities or a reasonable housing allowance will be provided each pastor serving a full time appointment.

- d. A car allowance will be set, as needed, in each situation.

We recommend that each pastoral charge, now receiving equitable salary funds, set for itself a deliberate and intentional plan as soon as possible to pay all salary and benefit costs for their pastor(s).

#### 3. Board of Pensions

- a. The Ministerial Pension Program (MPP) contribution base for 1983 be 100% of the Denominational Average Compensation (DAC).
- b. The Ministerial Pension Program contribution rate for 1984 be 12%.
- c. The Comprehensive Protection Program (CPP) rate for 1984 be 4.4% of the DAC. For ministers working less-than-full-time, the contribution rate be 3.4% of the DAC. (These are not optional.)
- d. Remittance for the MPP/CPP shall be made by the Alaska Missionary Conference, and the funds generated through the apportionment system, with the adjustments recommended below.
- e. All ministers under appointment by the Alaska Missionary Conference and eligible for the pension program be covered by CPP, including those receiving less than equitable salary (i.e., less-than-full-time).
- f. Provision be made for minister serving less-than-full-time to make contributions to the MPP/CPP program through the offices and treasuries of the Alaska Missionary Conference. If the minister is receiving compensation from another source, it is the policy of the Alaska Missionary Conference to request that salary paying unit to make contributions on behalf of the minister to MPP/CPP.

- g. For Past Service, the benefit rate for 1984 shall be \$210 per service year. It is the intention to increase the rate for future years.

- h. Funding for 1984 shall be as follows:

**Current Service**

MPP 12% x DAC of 20,000 x 27.5 ministers = 66,000

CPP 4.4% x DAC of 20,000 x 23 ministers = 22,680

3.4% x DAC of 20,000 x .5 x 4 ministers = 1,360

22,040

88,040

**Past Service**

155/service year benefit = 5,926 (for 38 more years)

25/service year benefit = 6,259 (for 29 more years)

30/service year benefit = 7,872 (for 30 years)

210/service year benefit = 20,055 in 1984

20,055

108,095

- i. That the sources of fund for 1984 be as follows:

Apportionments of the conference

90,040

Pensions Crusade interest income

18,055

108,095

- j. To maintain comparable levels of contributions for pensions, the following adjustments shall be made in the computation of apportionments for the pensions portion of the budget only.

- 1) For churches with more than one ministerial position/salary, the regular grade point figure is used for the first United Methodist ministerial position/salary (see d. above and J.2.a below). For each additional eligible United Methodist position/salary, the church shall be apportioned the full pension cost for that position. The full pension cost shall be computed at 16.4% of the DAC or the plan compensation (whichever is less) and shall be pro-rated for the effective months of the year.

- 2) For Union/United churches

- a) With one United Methodist minister — the grade point is doubled.

- b) With non-United Methodist minister(s) — the grade point is zero. (Assuming that the pension for the minister is paid elsewhere.)

**B. Petitions**

**Petition No. 1 — Formation of Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Concerns**

We request an addition to the Rules of the Conference so that a COMMISSION ON ECUMENICAL AND INTERRELIGIOUS CONCERNS be added to "4. Membership and Standing Committees" of the rules.

With this change in the rules, also amend "Program Agencies of the Conference" to include with "B. Boards, Committees and Commissions" a listing of this group. We request that it be composed of six members: Two clergy. Two laywomen. Two laymen.

**Petition No. 2 — Establish Accounting Policies Prior to January 1, 1984**

The Conference Council on Finance and Administration is directed in consultation with the General Council on Finance and Administration to establish accounting policies in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, and that they implement the policies for its 1983 fiscal year; and that Conference Council Finance & Administration and the Conference treasurer be directed to alter the conference bookkeeping system so that the policies can be implemented.

**Petition No. 3 — Publishing Financial Statements to Conference Members**

That the Alaska Missionary Conference comply with paragraph 713 of the Discipline. Specifically, that Conference Council on Finance and Administration present to the Conference in its Pre-Conference Handbook for the regular session the complete annual financial statements including balance sheet, statements of revenue and expenditures, statements of changes in fund balances together with footnotes as required by generally accepted accounting principles.

Petition No. 4 – Letter to Prime Minister Mugabe protesting his proclamation that governments soldiers have the right to kill anyone caught in aiding anti-government forces. (Non-Concurrence)

Petition No. 5 – Appoint Blue Ribbon Lay Commission to determine the veracity of allegations in an article by Roger Mitchell, "The Steeple Leans Left." (Non-concurrence)

Petition No. 6 – Allegations in the CBS "60 Minutes" program. (Petition No. 19 was substituted for No. 6.)

Petition No. 7 – Alaska Housing Ministries

Be it resolved that the Alaska Missionary Conference of the United Methodist Church join in the sponsorship of Alaska Housing Ministries, an Alaska non-profit corporation formed for the purpose of providing housing for low-income people and others with special housing needs in the State of Alaska.

It is our understanding that our responsibility and liability is limited to the nomination of board members to serve on the Board of Directors of the Alaska Housing Ministries to insure the continuity and integrity of the corporation.

→ Petition No. 8 – Establish a Gifts and Graces Bureau

*discussion but  
no action / no one to do  
the task*

Establish a Gifts and Graces Bureau, (i.e., talent bank, speaker's bureau) which would catalog the specific talents of lay and clergy persons within the Alaska Missionary Conference.

This information would be made available to all congregations throughout the AMC as a resource for facilitating training and nurture as well as development and enrichment of programs.

Individuals would be recommended by both pastor and stewardship committee and (1) would be well-grounded in their field of knowledge (i.e., experienced and/or educated) and (2) would be qualified to lead a training event, workshop and/or serve in an advisory capacity. Talents would not exclude those of a secular nature.

Petition No. 9 – Advocacy for the Poor

WHEREAS, we The Alaska Missionary Conference of United Methodist Church recognizing the harsh reality of the serious crises facing the most powerless and vulnerable segments of our society, and being confronted with the fact that there have been billions of dollars in federal cutbacks borne by the poor which has resulted in tremendous suffering and hardship for millions of women, children, elderly, and families in our nation, and

WHEREAS, we have been made aware of the fact that there has been almost a 30 percent increase in the number of persons living below the poverty level since 1978 in our nation, and

WHEREAS, the private sector has been unable and/or unwilling to respond effectively to the needs of the poor and oppressed people in our communities, we

THEREFORE, in solidarity with the pastoral letter from the Council of Bishops dated November 14, 1982, agree that "As Christians we acknowledge that implicit in the faith of the church is a mandate for action; it is not enough to experience deep distress over the plight of the hungry and hopeless victims of the economic crises". The gospel demands that we manifest our love for Christ by our efforts both individually and as a community to relieve the suffering of those who are without food and shelter, who live under the burden of the current economic catastrophe and increasing social injustices.

We can and must influence public policies which will bridge the gap between ethics and economics and which will serve the common good. We must become informed and engaged in action as individuals and as congregations.

THEREFORE, we call upon the United Methodist Church at all levels, from the individual members to Annual Conference, to the General Conference, to be reconciling forces in this time of economic distress and to be advocates for the poor and oppressed people of our nation and to do this with a sense of justice, compassion, understanding, and God's Presence.

→ Petition No. 10 – Membership in the NAACP

*Completed by  
Church and Society*

The AMC will make a one-time gift of \$100 from reserves in 1983 to the NAACP.

Petition No. 11 — Foundational Course of Studies for Diaconal Ministry

To establish a Foundational Course of Studies Program for candidates for the Diaconal Ministry. This program would follow the guidelines as established by the Division of Diaconal Ministry of the Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

→ Petition No. 12 — Conference-Wide Human Sexuality Enterprise Program for All Age Levels

To develop and maintain a conference-wide U. M. Human Sexuality Enterprise Program for all levels. A task force is to be formed by the CCOM.

*Washburn - survey  
Recommend no  
Action*

Petition No. 13 — Counselling for Professional Ministry

For pastors and other professional church workers in Alaska, as well as for their families, a time of crisis may also be a time of intense loneliness. For some, there is simply nowhere to turn for competent help; for others, a fear of professional risk may, rightly or wrongly, preclude turning to peers for help. Therefore, we ask that the Alaska Missionary Conference search out and make known to all pastors, diaconal ministers, and other professional workers employed by churches and institutions affiliated with the Conference, resources and persons to assist in coping with personal, family or professional crises, giving special emphasis to locating counselors with Christian orientation. We also ask the Alaska Missionary Conference to consider providing financial assistance where the utilization of these services would otherwise cause hardship.

One thousand dollars per year will be placed into this fund account with the year-end balance being carried over to the next year.

(No Petitions No. 14, 15)

→ Petition No. 16 — Oil Development in Norton Sound

*Religion & Race Follow-up  
dialogue in Newspapers*

WHEREAS, Alaska Native people, throughout history, have relied upon themselves, their customs and their environment to meet their nutritional needs for physical sustenance, and;

WHEREAS, Off shore oil development technology is still rapidly developing, and;

WHEREAS, The powerful break ice conditions of the Norton Sound will be a new challenge for floating oil drilling rig technology, and;

WHEREAS, Norton Sound leases have been some of the first sold as the beginning of the federal government's five-year accelerated leasing plan, and;

WHEREAS, Marine mammals, wildfowl, and fish spawning activities can be threatened by oil pollution, and;

WHEREAS, The Alaska Native peoples' ways of living on their land may be threatened by oil pollution;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Missionary Conference of the United Methodist Church encourage Governor Sheffield, the legislature of the State of Alaska, and Interior Secretary Watt to allow village representative organizations to have a meaningful role in monitoring environmental safeguards during oil and gas exploration and production in the Norton Sound. (The Conference Committee on Race and Religion will write the correspondence.)

→ Petition No. 17 — TV Programming in Alaska

*extensive discussion but  
seen as beyond time & finances of  
C.C.O.M.*

Explore the possibility of television programming with a goal of reducing and reversing racial tensions and helping rural and urban Alaskans to better understand each other and their respective needs. A special task force, named by the CCOM, would be encouraged to cooperate with other churches and groups in this area.

(No Petition No. 18)

Petition No. 19 — Council on Bishops Inquiry into Allegations About the WCC and NCC and Related UMC Agencies

WHEREAS, there is concern within the Annual Conference in regard to the end use and end user of church offerings, and

WHEREAS, the recommendation by the Administrative Board of First United Methodist Church in Anchorage, Alaska, would cost more in dollars and energy for Alaskan leadership, if adopted in its present form, than all Alaskan United Methodists are currently contributing annually to the work of the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches, (noting that we are talking about pennies per member, not dollars), and

WHEREAS, The Council of Bishops of the United Methodist Church has appointed a committee of nine bishops to make a thorough review of recently made allegations about the World Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. and related United Methodist agencies, along with other issues raised by these allegations, and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Missionary Conference is honored to have its own Bishop Calvin McConnell as one of those nine, and

WHEREAS, there will be a formal report available after November of 1983, and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for us to appreciate and trust the episcopal leadership of our denomination, who are entrusted with "oversight of the spiritual and temporal affairs" of our church,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Annual Conference of the Alaska Missionary Conference of the United Methodist Church requests that copies of this material be made available to interested pastors, local churches and lay members, by the Conference Superintendent, when it is requested after November, 1983.

→ Petition No. 20 – U. S. Catholic Bishops' Pastoral Letter

*letter sent by  
council & society*

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Missionary Conference that we affirm the Pastoral Letter and urge each congregation to read and study the U. S. Catholic Bishops' letter on nuclear arms.

Petition No. 21 – Freedom to Petition Governments for a Redress of Grievances

The Alaska Missionary Conference of the United Methodist Church petitions the 1984 General Conference to add the words; "Petition of a government for a redress of grievances" to Para. 74A (1980 Discipline) to provide citizens with the right to petition their government on any topic without fear of reprisals. Citizens of many nations do not now have this protection.

The following change in the Discipline would be necessary:

Paragraph 74A: Basic Freedoms – We hold governments responsible for the protection for the rights of the people to the freedoms of speech, religion, assembly, communications media, and petition for redress of grievances without fear of reprisal; . . .

Petition No. 22 – People's Rights to Establish Governments (Non-Concurrence)

Petition No. 23 – The World Community

An addition of the Discipline, add to Paragraph 75C, "We support those who feel they must withhold that portion of their income tax used for military purposes and designate that amount to peacemaking purposes."

Petition No. 24 – Pastor-Parish Relations Committee

An addition to the Discipline, to change the wording of Paragraph 266.2.f.(7) in the 1980 Discipline to provide that the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee will again be amenable to the church or charge conference, as it was prior to 1968. Add after securing clergy leadership, the words: "The Committee shall be amenable to the Church or Charge Conference, and"

Petition No. 25 – Paragraph 36 of Constitution of the UMC

The Alaska Missionary Conference respectfully requests Paragraph 36 of the Constitution of the United Methodist Church be amended to read as follows:

36. Article 1. The Annual Conference shall be composed of ministerial members as defined by the General Conference, together with a lay member elected by each charge, the conference president of United Methodist Women, the conference president of United Methodist Men, the conference lay leader, the president of the Conference Council on Ministries, the chairperson of the Conference Board of Pensions, the president of the Conference Board of Trustees, the president of the conference youth organization, and two young persons under twenty-five years of age from each district to be elected in such manner as may be determined by the Annual Conference. Each charge served by more than one minister shall be entitled to as many lay members as there are ministerial members. The lay members shall have been for the two years next preceding their election members of The United Methodist Church and shall have been active participants in the United Methodist Church for at least four years preceding their election.

If the lay membership shall number less than the ministerial members of the Annual Conference, the Annual Conference shall, by its own formula, provide for the election of additional lay members to equalize lay and ministerial membership of the Annual Conference.

#### Petition No. 26 – Missional Priority for 1984-1988

We petition the 1984 General Conference to adopt a three-part missional priority for the 1984-1988 quadrennium:

(1) Peace and Self-Development of Peoples, which would (a) establish peace and development programs within and outside the church to explore alternatives to war; (b) fund the development of a peace education program at all age levels within the church; and (c) develop and implement peace and development of peoples education guidelines within all agencies of The United Methodist Church; (2) Continue and expand the Ethnic Minority Local Church Priority of the 1980-1984 quadrennium; and (3) Development of New Churches, Congregations, and Ministries.

We recommend a financial apportionment of \$1 per member per year to support this three-part priority; with all funds raised being divided equally between the three parts of the Missional Priority.

### VIII. APPOINTMENTS

Superintendent of the Alaska Missionary Conference	Thomas M. White Wolf Fassett	1
<b>Anchorage:</b>		
Anchor Park	Arthur W. Edwards	5
East Anchorage	John J. Shaffer	3
First, Anchorage	James W. Buffington	6
Associate	Dennis B. Holway	2
Jewel Lake	Donald L. Hartman	9
St. John	John C. Forney	5
Associate	*Priscilla Clark (PM)	3
South Anchorage	Tyler C. Curtis	5
Turnagain	Charles A. Nowlen, Jr.	2
Chugak	Jon F. Langenwalter	2
Douglas	Arthur P. Knight	4
Fairbanks, First	Richard K. Heacock, Jr.	4
Girdwood	John C. Garvin (part-time)	2
Homer	Edmund B. Stanton	1
Juneau: Northern Light United Church	John R. Tindell	10
Associate	Richard Hom**	2
Kenai: Church of the New Covenant	Bradley D. Wade	4
Ketchikan, First	William G. Trudeau	2
Moose Pass	Ruth McMillan (eligible for appointment and part-time local pastor)	1
Ninilchik: Church of St. Peter the Fisherman	John Molletti*** (part-time)	3
Nome: Aywaan Bering Sea Larger Parish	Deborah Pitney****	3
	John Pitney****	3
North Kenai: North Star	William S. Still, III	3
North Pole: New Hope Methodist-Presbyterian Church	Keith B. Wise	1
Parks Highway Parish: Trapper Creek, Willow	Jack K. Christian	3
Seward	Judith A. Bither-Terry	4
Sitka	Carol Seckel****	2
	Kevin Seckel****	2
Soldotna	Kenneth Hepner	2
<b>Special Appointment:</b>		
University Community Ministry, Anchorage	David K. Fison	3
Deaconesses, Diaconal Ministers, Home Missionaries		
Diaconal Minister	Priscilla Ringenburg	1
Norton Sound Regional Hospital (Deaconess, On Leave)		

<b>Diaconal Minister</b> <b>First United Methodist Church, Fairbanks</b> <b>Co-Program Director</b>	<b>Cheryl Washburn</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Diaconal Minister/Home Missionary</b> <b>Alaska Children's Services</b>	<b>Kim Doverspike</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Home Missionary</b> <b>Accounting Secretary</b> <b>Marathon Oil Company</b>	<b>Bonnie Curtis</b>	
<b>Home Missionary at Large:</b> <b>Joyce Edwards</b> <b>Barbara Shaffer</b> <b>Aleen Fison</b> <b>Blythe Stanton</b>	<b>Patricia Wise</b> <b>Lavinia Dean Knight</b> <b>Beryl Tindell</b>	
<b>Home Missionary:</b> <b>Appointed to Attend School</b>	<b>R. Melvin Vostry</b>	
<b>Home Missionary:</b> <b>Leave of Absence</b>	<b>Chris Buffington</b>	
<b>Other clergy in Alaska on Special Appointment of their home conference employed by United Methodist related agencies:</b> <b>United Campus Ministry, Fairbanks</b> <b>Alaska Children's Services</b> <b>Alaska Children's Services</b> <b>Alaska Pacific University</b> <b>*In July and August, Appointed to Attend School, Worchester State Hospital, CPE Program</b> <b>**United Presbyterian</b> <b>***American Baptist</b> <b>****One-half time each</b>	<b>Charles Young, Northern Illinois</b> <b>John Garvin, Western Pennsylvania</b> <b>Walter Hays, Pacific and Southwest</b> <b>Glenn A. Olds, Oregon-Idaho</b>	

## IX. RULES OF THE ALASKA MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

### A. Organization

1. Convening: The Alaska Missionary Conference shall meet on the date set by the bishop as provided in the DISCIPLINE (para. 701.2). The program committee shall consist of the bishop of the area, the superintendent of the conference, the secretary of the conference, the pastor and lay leader of the local church, worship chairperson, conference president of UMW, and conference CCOM coordinator. In the event that Alaska Pacific University is host, the president or his representatives shall be added to the committee, together with such pastors as the superintendent may appoint.

2. Membership: Sec. 1. Any United Methodist ordained minister appointed by the National Division and the Bishop to serve within the boundaries of the Alaska Missionary Conference shall be an affiliate member of the Alaska Missionary Conference (Disc. 1980 Para. 658.4.b). A minister of another denomination who meets the requirements of Disc. 1980, Para. 419.1 may vote in the Conference in the same way as an associate member of an Annual Conference. At no time shall the clergy membership exceed lay membership (Disc. 1980, Para. 36).

Sec. 2. The institutions and agencies now related to the National Division of the Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church shall be full members of the Alaska Missionary Conference and that each be accorded no more than two voting delegates (Disc. 1980, Para. 658.5). These would be:

- Alaska Children's Services, Inc.
- Alaska Pacific University
- University Community Ministry, Anchorage
- Nome Community Center, Inc.
- United Campus Ministry, Inc., Fairbanks
- Wesleyan Nursing Home, Inc.

Sec. 3. Lay Membership from Churches: The Charge Conference of each charge of the Missionary Conference shall elect a lay member and one or more alternate members to the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference quadrennially at the Charge Conference prior to the first Annual Meeting following the General Conference session (Disc. 1980, Para. 36). Each pastoral charge served by more than one minister in full connection shall be entitled to as many lay members as there are effective full-time ministers in full connection. Each congregation of a parish shall be entitled to a lay representative, provided there are not more than two representatives from each parish.

Sec. 4. Lay Member at Large: The Missionary Conference Lay Leader, the President

of the United Methodist Women, the President of the Conference Council on Youth Ministries (CCYM) and two (2) youth delegates shall be members of the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference. The youth delegates shall be selected by the CCYM and shall have been members of the United Methodist Church for one year.

Sec. 5. In case of the inability of a lay member or alternate lay member(s) to attend the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference sessions for any reason, the Charge Conference may elect a lay member to fill the vacancy on a permanent or temporary basis.

Sec. 6. Any layperson not a member of the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference who is an officer of the Alaska Missionary Conference or one of its agencies, boards, commissions, committees, task forces, or societies, shall be entitled to the privilege of the floor, without vote, on matters relating to the report of the said agency, board, commission, committee, task force or society.

Sec. 7. In order to achieve equal lay and clerical membership at the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference, the Bishop and Conference Superintendent shall appoint a committee each year to select lay membership to equal clerical.

Sec. 8. The following shall be seated in the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference and shall be given the privilege of the floor without vote: lay pastors who are in charge of pastoral appointments, lay home missionaries, both men and women, related to the Board of Global Ministries and deaconesses serving within the bounds of the Missionary Conference. By authorization of the Alaska Missionary Conference, national workers may be given the same privileges, as well as pastors of ecumenical parishes, administrators of other denominations, and ordained United Methodist ministers who are not otherwise delegates of the Alaska Missionary Conference.

### 3. Officers: Alaska Missionary Conference Officers:

Sec. 1. At the last Annual Meeting preceding the General Conference, an Alaska Missionary Conference Secretary and Statistician shall be elected to serve for the succeeding quadrennium. They shall be nominated by the nominating committee.

The Secretary and Statistician shall nominate their assistants annually or appoint them ad interim for confirmation by the Missionary Conference.

Sec. 2. The Alaska Missionary Conference Treasurer shall be elected quadrennially at the session of the Alaska Missionary Conference following General Conference upon nomination of the Council on Finance and Administration.

Sec. 3. The Alaska Missionary Conference Historian shall be elected quadrennially at the session of the Alaska Missionary Conference following General Conference, upon nomination of the Nominating Committee.

4. Membership and Tenure of Standing Committees: Sec. 1. There shall be the following standing committees: Council on Finance and Administration, Committee on Reference and Counsel, Church Location and Building, Annual Meeting Planning Committee, Equitable Salary Commission, and Board of Pensions, Conference Board of Trustees, Continuing Consultation Committee with the National Division, Conference Council on Youth Ministries, Board of Diaconal Ministry, Committee on Episcopacy and Conference Superintendency, Board of Ordained Ministry, Alaska Christian Conference Delegation, Religion and Race, Commission on the Status and Role of Women, Courtesy Committee, Church Developing Committee.

Sec. 2. All standing committees shall be nominated by the nominating committee.

Sec. 3. All standing committees shall have plenary power in the interim between sessions of the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference.

Sec. 4. No person shall serve on any one standing committee of the Alaska Missionary Conference whose members are elected by the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference more than eight years and no chairperson for more than four years with the following exceptions and provisions:

a. One or two years service to fill a vacancy on a quadrennial standing committee shall not count for the purpose of this rule.

b. In the case of a committee elected in three-year or other term classes, the maximum period of consecutive service shall be two terms with the provision that a one-year appointment to fill a vacancy prior to the first term shall not count to the purpose of this rule.

c. Persons who are members of a standing committee ex-officio shall not be affected by this rule.

Sec. 5. Standing committees shall organize, with chairperson, vice-chairperson, and secretary.

**Sec. 6. Membership on Standing Committees shall be:**

	Lay	Clergy
Council on Finance and Administration	5	4
Committee on Reference and Counsel	5	4
Church Location and Building		
Southeast	3	3
North and Central	3	3
Board of Pensions	2	2
Conference Board of Trustees	4	4
Stewardship Cultivation	3	3
Consultation with National Division	2	2
Committee on Episcopacy and		
Conference Superintendency	4	3
Religion and Race	5	3
Status and Role of Women	5	2
Alaska Christian Conference Delegation*	3	2
Commission on Ecumenical and		
Interreligious Concerns	4	2
Courtesy Committee	1	1
Church Developing	4	4
Board of Diaconal Ministry:		

Three Diaconal Ministers and three members selected from and by the CCOM, one of whom may be a member of the Board of Ordained Ministry.

\*Delegates of the Alaska Missionary Conference to the Alaska Christian Conference who serve by virtue of their office shall serve during their effective appointment or quadrennial term. All other delegates shall serve for a quadrennial term, nominated by the first session of the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference following the General Conference. The number of delegates are determined by the Alaska Christian Conference formula. Delegates at large shall serve one-year periods.

**Sec. 7.** A special standing committee known as the committee on Reference and Counsel shall be nominated and elected from the floor at the last session of the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference preceding the General Conference to serve for the succeeding quadrennium to act on the rules, journal, audit, and nominating committee. It shall consist of five laypersons and four ministers one of which shall be the Missionary Conference Superintendent. When it is acting in the capacity of the Nominating Committee, the Missionary Conference Superintendent is the chairperson, but at all other times its elected chairperson presides. The Nominating Committee shall make every effort in choosing those on each Board and/or Committee to be inclusive of women, ethnic groups, age groupings, as reflected in the membership of the Conference.

**Sec. 8.** The Committee on Episcopacy and Conference Superintendency shall consist of seven persons (four lay and three clergy). One member may be appointed by the Bishop, and one member may be appointed by the Conference Superintendent, with the balance to be elected for the quadrennium at the first session of the Alaska Missionary Conference following General Conference.

**Sec. 9.** The Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference shall elect such other commissions, committees, and task forces as necessary to carry out its work.

**B. Procedures**

1. When a member desires to present any business, or speak to any question, the member shall rise and address the presiding officer, and when recognized, may proceed, restricting their remarks to the subject before the meeting.

2. The hours of convening and adjourning the sessions of the meeting shall be fixed by the Program Committee. The printed program shall be presented for adoption as the order of the meeting at the time of the organization of the meeting.

3. When absence from the various business sessions is necessary, permission from the presiding officer shall be secured.

4. Offerings at the Communion Service and for conference expenses are approved. Other offerings shall have prior approval by the Alaska Missionary Conference.

5. Visitors may be given the privilege of the floor without vote by the presiding officer of the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference.

6. The pastors shall submit the statistical report and the financial report respectively to the statistician and the treasurer as requested by these officers.

**Sec. 1.** The fiscal year in the Alaska Missionary Conference shall be the calendar year beginning with January 1 and closing with December 31. The Alaska Missionary Conference Treasurer shall close the financial records of the Missionary Conference as of December 31, and all remittances must be received in the office by that date in order to receive credit for the fiscal year.

Sec. 2. The July salary shall be paid to the minister by the local church to which he/she is appointed in the Alaska Missionary Conference at the session of the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference.

Sec. 3. All requests for Missionary Conference apportionments upon the charge or the pastors shall first have to be referred to the Council on Finance and Administration, and no apportionments shall be made until the council shall have made its report. If the report is negative, a two-thirds majority vote of the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference shall be required to reverse the recommendation of the Council. Changes in the proposed or adopted Conference budget of \$1,000 or less may be made from the floor providing that the proposed change includes with it a designation as to what other budget category shall be decreased. This may be done without additional reference to the CF&A.

Sec. 4. Financial requests to the Conference involving sums of more than \$1,000 must be distributed at the Annual Conference in writing eight (8) hours prior to any action on the requests.

7. Sec. 1. ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER shall govern all questions of procedure when the rules adopted by the Alaska Missionary Conference or the UNITED METHODIST DISCIPLINE do not apply.

Sec. 2. All proposals designated as permanent regulation of the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference shall be first submitted to the Rules Committee, whose duty it shall be to consider the proposal and then make a report on it with recommendations to the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference. In order to change an Alaska Missionary Conference Rule, or to provide for a new Alaska Missionary Conference Rule, the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference must vote change specifically, by Rule and Section number.

Sec. 3. New, revised, amended, or rescinded Rules may originate as follows: by recommendations from any General Commission, board, or committee which does not report through the General Committee; from the Conference Superintendent; or over the signature of three members of the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference. Individual members may submit proposals to the Rules Committee for consideration, but in such case the committee is not bound to report the proposed change on the floor of the Annual Meeting.

Sec. 4. Proposals for changes in the Conference Rules must be distributed at the Annual Conference in writing eight (8) hours prior to any action on the proposals.

8. All business of the Meeting not brought forward by the presiding officer may be introduced by a motion from the floor.

9. Reports that are to be printed in the Pre-Conference Handbook of the Alaska Missionary Conference shall be submitted to the Conference Office by April 15, preceding the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference.

#### C. Resolutions, Petitions, and Motions

1. All resolutions and motions (except procedural motions) introduced by a member shall be in written form and submitted to the Secretary. Any resolution or motion so introduced may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before amended or adopted.

The name of persons presenting a resolution or motion which is adopted shall be recorded in the Minutes.

2. Petitions may be submitted to the Annual Meeting by any member, local church, organization, or agency within the Alaska Missionary Conference.

a. Petitions originating from a conference commission, committee, Board or Council shall come directly to the Annual Meeting.

b. Petitions originating from a local church, an agency, or individual member of a church of the Alaska Missionary Conference shall be referred first to one of the four program chairpersons or the appropriate Board, Standing Committee, Council, or Commission for their recommendation of concurrence or non-concurrence and then reported to the Annual Meeting.

c. Petitions received at the conference office by April 15 preceding the Annual Meeting will be printed in the Pre-Conference Handbook.

3. No one may speak more than once on any question before the Meeting until everyone who desires to speak shall have spoken. Where persons of opposing views wish the floor, the presiding officer shall alternate recognizing the proponents and opponents of the motion in question.

4. When any motion is laid on the table, it may be taken therefrom by a majority vote of the Meeting and may be made the order of the day for any session or hour thereafter.

#### D. Journal

1. The record of daily proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference as signed by the presiding officer and the secretary and printed in the official Journal shall be considered the official minutes.

2. All narrative material to be published in the official Journal shall be submitted to the

secretary not later than midnight of the day of adjournment of the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference. Material submitted later may be omitted from the Journal unless arrangements are made with the secretary to receive late material.

#### **E. Amendments**

1. The rules of the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference may be amended or suspended on the first day of the Annual Meeting by a majority vote. At all other times, amendment or suspension of rules shall require a two-thirds vote.

#### **F. Council on Ministries**

1. The purpose of the Council on Ministries shall be:

a. To receive program recommendations from the local churches, the Missionary Conference, the Jurisdictional and General Council on Ministries.

b. To develop these recommendations into a coordinated program to be recommended to the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference for consideration, amendment, and adoption as the Conference program, and

c. To provide implementation for an administration of the coordinated program as adopted by the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Missionary Conference.

2. The voting membership shall consist of the following:

Chairperson, Church and Society

Chairperson, Discipleship

Chairperson, Global Ministries

Chairperson, Lay Life and Work

President, United Methodist Women, AMC

AMC Lay Leader

One youth

The Bishop of the AMC

AMC Superintendent

Representatives of the Alaska Native Ministries Committee

General Council on Ministries member (ex-officio)

Three (3) members at large

The members at large shall be chosen in such a way that the total voting membership includes at least three women, and as near as possible equal representation of lay and clergy. The President of the Council on Finance and Administration and the Coordinator of the Council on Ministries shall be members without vote.

3. The responsibilities of the chairpersons shall include:

a. Church and Society — social concerns, health and welfare, hunger, legislative action, religion and race, native education issues, status and role of women.

b. Discipleship — education, higher education, communications, worship, outdoor ministries, evangelism, adult ministries, youth ministries, children's ministries.

c. Global ministries — global concerns, missionary secretary, native ministries, ecumenical affairs, church extension.

d. Lay life and work — leadership education and development, lay activities, stewardship.

4. The officers shall be chairperson, vice-chairperson, secretary, and Coordinator of the Council on Ministries. These officers, plus one other person chosen at large, constitute the executive committee.

5. The Council on Ministries shall meet three times per year, as funds permit.



## X. MEMORIAL ROLL

### BISHOPS

Charles W. Brashares  
Harold Heninger  
Reuben H. Mueller

### WIVES OF RETIRED BISHOPS

Eunice Dodge  
Faye Lovern  
Margaret Coos, Widow of Bishop Stanley Coos

#### First Church, Anchorage

Arthur Waldron  
Floyd Garrison  
Maxine Bray  
Virginia Retzlloff  
Mildred Harwood  
Andrew Koweluk  
Ellie Kulukhon

#### Nome

Steven Call  
Julian Cabinum  
Mae Hoffman  
Donald Simpson  
Esther Olson

#### Fairbanks Ketchikan

Clara Mae Walther, wife of former pastor,  
John Walther

#### Seward Douglas

## XI. PASTORAL RECORDS

**BITHER-TERRY, JUDITH ANN\*** . . . . . Cal/Nevada  
California/Nevada Conference; On trial, 1974; D, 1974; E, 1972; EDUCATION: Cal. State  
University, Stanislaus, 1971; Pacific School of Religion, 1975; APPOINTMENTS: Court  
St., Alameda, 1974; Citrus Heights, 1975; To attend school, 1979; Alaska Missionary Con-  
ference, Seward, 1980; HUSBAND: Gregg CHILDREN: Russell, Ann

**BUFFINGTON, JAMES WESLEY** . . . . . Oregon-Idaho  
Oregon-Idaho Conference; On trial, 1970; D, 1970; E, 1972; EDUCATION: Buena Vista  
College, Storm Lake, Iowa, 1968; Candler School of Theology, Emory University, 1971;  
APPOINTMENTS: Sutherlin-Wilbur, 1971; Ontario 1974; Alaska Missionary Conference,  
Anchorage First, 1978; CHILDREN: Michael James

**CHRISTIAN, JACK KENNETH** . . . . . Central Illinois  
Louisville Conference; On trial, 1951; D, 1953; E, 1956; EDUCATION: Asbury College,  
1950; Christian Theological Seminary, 1956; APPOINTMENTS: Gratz-Lockport (Ky.  
Conf.) 1949; Simpsonville, 1950-52; Nokomis, South Fork, (Ill. Conf.), 1952; Weldon,  
1957; Allerton-Broadlands-Longview, 1961; LeRoy, 1965; East Moline, Christ, 1973; Alaska  
Missionary Conference, Parks Highway Parish, 1981; WIFE: Eva; CHILDREN: Gary, Linda,  
Marsha, Mark

**CLARK, PRISCILLA ANN** . . . . . North Georgia  
North Georgia Conference; On trial, 1977; D, 1977; EDUCATION: Berry College, 1969;  
Candler School of Theology, 1981; APPOINTMENTS: Prospect, 1978; Mizpah, 1979;  
Alaska Missionary Conference, St. John, Anchorage, Youth Director, 1980; St. John,  
Anchorage, 1981; CHILDREN: Elizabeth Leigh, Holly Jeanne

**CURTIS, TYLER CORNIELOUS\*** . . . . . Pacific and Southwest  
Pacific and Southwest Conference; On trial, 1971; D, 1971; E, 1975; EDUCATION: North-  
western University, 1959; Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary, 1973; APPOINT-  
MENTS: Grace Long Beach, Associate, 1969; Footville and Plymouth (Wisconsin), 1970;  
Berry Memorial, Chicago, 1972; St. Michael's, Lake Havasu City (Arizona), 1973; First,  
Glendale, Cal., Assoc., 1977; Alaska Missionary Conference, Bayshore, 1979; WIFE: Bonnie;  
CHILDREN: Tyler C., III, Robert S., Gregory S., Catherine R.

**EDWARDS, ARTHUR W.\*** . . . . . Pacific Northwest  
Pacific Northwest Conference; On trial, 1972; D, 1972; E, 1975; EDUCATION: University  
of Delaware, 1970; Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary, 1973; APPOINTMENTS:

First, Vancouver (Washington), Associate, 1973; Orofino and Peck, Idaho, 1975; Alaska Missionary Conference, Anchor Park, Anchorage, 1979; WIFE: Joyce; CHILDREN: Suzanne Marie, Amy Elizabeth

**FASSETT, THOM WHITE WOLF\*** . . . . . Western New York  
Western New York; On trial, 1965; D, 1965; E, 1967; EDUCATION: Rochester, NY, 1963; Colgate Rochester Divinity School, 1967; APPOINTMENTS: Stafford Methodist Church, WNY High School English Teacher, 1963; Spencer Ripley UMC, Rochester, 1967; Urban Metropolitan Mission, Rochester, 1969; Urban Affairs Officer, Xerox Corp. 1973; American Indian Policy Review Commission (U. S. House and Senate), Washington, D. C., 1975; Associate General Secretary, Gen. Bd. of Church and Society: (Emerging Social Issues, 1976), (Division of Human Relations, 1978), (Programming and Supervision, 1980); Alaska Missionary Conference Superintendent, 1983; WIFE: Nancy; CHILDREN: Kimberley J., Keighley M.

**FISON, DAVID KONRAD\*** . . . . . Northern Illinois  
Rock River Conference; On trial, 1954; D, 1954; E, 1956; EDUCATION: William Jewell College, 1952; Garrett Theology Seminary, 1956; APPOINTMENTS: Southwest Missouri, Bates City, 1949; Rock River, Malden, 1952; Ingleside, 1954; South Deering, 1956; Alaska Mission, Anchorage, First (Co-Pastor), 1960; Ketchikan, 1961; Fairbanks, 1966; St. John-Hope-Girdwood-Bayshore West, 1972; St. John-Hope-Bayshore West, 1975; St. John-Bayshore West, 1976; St. John, 1977; Girdwood-University Community Ministry, 1979; WIFE: Aleen; CHILDREN: Susan Renee, Deborah Ann, Paul Wesley, Jane Elizabeth, David James

**FORNEY, JOHN C.** . . . . . Pacific and Southwest  
Pacific and Southwest Conference, On trial, 1970; D, 1970; E, 1976; EDUCATION: Cerritos College, 1963; Cal. State, L. A., 1969; Claremont School of Theology, 1976; APPOINTMENTS: Inyoken and Randsburg, 1973; Joshua Parish (Inyoken, Ridgecrest, and Randsburg), 1977; Alaska Missionary Conference, St. John, Anchorage, 1979; WIFE: Jai; CHILDREN: Jonathan David

**GARVIN, JOHN CHARLES\*\*** . . . . . Western Pennsylvania  
Transfer from United Presbyterian Church to Western Pennsylvania Conference; E, 1962; EDUCATION: University of Pittsburgh, 1955; Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, 1961; Graduate School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh, 1970, 1972; PhD, University of Pittsburgh, 1976; APPOINTMENTS: Pittsburgh, Smithfield Street, (Associate) Bethany House, 1962; Pittsburgh, Church of Our Saviour, 1966; Calvary-Evergreen, 1971; Alaska Children's Services, 1975; Alaska Children's Service and Girdwood, 1981; WIFE: Audrey C.; CHILDREN: Barbara, Sally, Janice, Clark, Kenneth, David, Julianne, Lynette

**HARTMAN, DONALD LEE.** . . . . . Western Pennsylvania  
Pittsburgh Conference; On trial, 1959; D, 1959; E, 1962; EDUCATION: Asbury College, 1958; Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, 1962; APPOINTMENTS: Kentucky, Mitchellsburg-Wesley Chapel, 1957; Western Pennsylvania, McKeesport-Christy Park, 1958; Pittsburgh, Emory (Associate), 1962; Pittsburgh, Bethany House Inner City Ministry, 1964; Alaska Mission, First Anchorage (Associate), 1966; Anchorage First, (Associate) and Girdwood, 1968; Sitka, 1970; Jewel Lake-Girdwood, 1975; Jewel Lake, 1979; WIFE: Alma; CHILDREN: Karl Bradford, Jeanette Lynn, Kurt Brian, Janet Lee

**HAYS, WALTER LEE, JR.\*\*** . . . . . Pacific and Southwest  
Ohio Conference; On trial, 1961; Full Connection, 1963; D, 1961; E, 1963; EDUCATION: University of Cincinnati, 1960; Methodist Theological School, Ohio, 1963; APPOINTMENTS: Ohio, Newark First (Assistant), 1960; Trinity, Columbus (Assistant), 1961; Alaska Mission, Executive Secretary of the Board of Education, 1963; Director of the Program Council, 1969; Nome, 1971; Southern California-Arizona Conference, Honolulu, Hawaii, First (Associate), 1973; Director of Development, Alaska Children's Services, 1974; Associate Director, 1976; WIFE: Lydia Lou; CHILDREN: Thomas Campbell, Robert Kim, Kenneth Richard

**HEACOCK, RICHARD KNOWLES, JR.** . . . . . Southwest Texas  
Southwest Texas Conference; On trial, 1949; D, 1951; E, 1952; EDUCATION: Southwestern University, 1948; Perkins School of Theology, 1951; APPOINTMENTS: Ingleside (Texas), 1951; Alaska Mission, Anchorage First (Associate), 1955; Juneau, 1956; General Board of CSC (UMOUN), 1966; Gen. Bd. of Global Ministries (UMOUN), 1969; Southwest Texas, Decker, 1971; Oak Park, 1972; Sabbatical, 1975; Goliad-Fannin, 1976; Alaska Mis-

sionary Conference, Fairbanks, 1980; WIFE: Grace Anne; CHILDREN: Luanne, Lorelle, Linnea, Lavonne, Kay, Jamie, Eric

HEPNER, KENNETH H. . . . . Wisconsin Northern Illinois; On trial, 1975; D, 1975; Minn.; E, 1978; EDUCATION: North Central College, 1971; Garrett-Evangelical, 1977; APPOINTMENTS: Wood Lake-Vesta (UP), 1977; Alaska Missionary Conference, Soldotna, 1982; WIFE: Sara; CHILDREN: Megan Rose

HOLWAY, DENNIS BOYDEN\* . . . . . Pacific and Southwest Southern California-Arizona Conference; On trial, 1968; D, 1968; E, 1974; EDUCATION: California Western University, 1967; Boston University School of Theology, 1970; APPOINTMENTS: Minister of Youth, Glendale First, 1970; Associate Pastor, Mesa Verde, Costa Mesa, 1975; Alaska Missionary Conference, Soldotna, 1977; Anchorage, First, 1982; WIFE: Susan Joy; CHILDREN: Todd Edward, Blake Boyden

HOM, RICHARD . . . . . United Presbyterian Ordained, 1982 as a United Presbyterian minister; EDUCATION: U. of Southern California, 1969; Fuller Theological Seminary, M. A., 1974; M. A., 1980; APPOINTMENTS: Northern Light United Church, Associate pastor, 3/1982

KNIGHT, ARTHUR P\* . . . . . Oregon-Idaho Oregon-Idaho Conference; On trial, 1974; D, 1974; E, 1978; EDUCATION: University of Puget Sound, 1949; Methodist Theological Seminary in Ohio, 1976; APPOINTMENTS: East Ohio Conference, Fresno, 1974; Alaska Missionary Conference, Kenai Church of the New Covenant, 1976; Douglas, 1980; WIFE: Luvinia Dean (LuDean); CHILDREN: Susan Holstein, George Edward III

LANGENWALTER, JOHN FRANKLIN\* . . . . . Oregon-Idaho Oregon-Idaho; On trial, 1976; D, 1976; E., 1981; EDUCATION: Washington State University, 1970; Garrett-Evangelical, 1979; APPOINTMENTS: Fossil, OR; Alaska Missionary Conference, Chugiak, 1982; WIFE: Laurel Beth; CHILDREN: Brace Edward, Anna Beth

MOLLETTI, JOHN . . . . . American Baptist Ordained by Brandywine Baptist Church, Chadds Ford, Pa. (Central Association), 1948; EDUCATION: University of Redlands, Linfield College, 1941; Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1948; Churches served: Amity Baptist Church, Oregon, 1939-1941; Brandywine Baptist Church, 1945; Community Baptist, Waterford, Ca., 1949; Community Baptist, Kodiak, Ak, 1953; Field Staff National Ministries, 1960; Anchorage Children's Christian Home, 1966; First American Baptist, Anchorage, 1970; Alaska Children's Service, 1974; Retire: December 31, 1976; Church of St. Peter the Fisherman, Ninilchik, 1981; WIFE: Dorothy (Dee) Adeline; CHILDREN: Sam, Evonna, Barbara, Rhonda, David

NOWLEN, CHARLES A\* . . . . . Yellowstone Montana; On trial, 1953; D, 1954; E, 1956; EDUCATION: University of Wyoming, 1950; Iliff School of Theology, 1956; APPOINTMENTS: Carpenter/Hergsdale/Pleasant View, WY, 1948; Lyons, CO, 1950; Renn/Longmont, CO, 1953; Brady/Dutton, MT, 1956; Westside, Great Falls, MT, 1959; Mountain View, Butte, MT, 1962; Kalispell, 1966; Missoula District, 1975; Yellowstone COM Coordinator/Director, 1975; Alaska Missionary Conference, Turnagain, 1982; WIFE: Phyllis; CHILDREN: Peter, Jeremy

OLDS, GLENN A. . . . . Oregon-Idaho Oregon Conference; On trial, 1943; E, 1945; EDUCATION: Willamette University, 1942; Garrett Theological Seminary, 1945; Northwestern University, M. A., 1945; Yale, PhD, 1948; APPOINTMENTS: Harrisburg, Ore., 1939; First, Salem, 1940; Irving Park (Chicago), 1942; Oak Park, 1944; Wesley Foundation, (New Haven), 1945; Garrett Theological Seminary, 1948; Chaplain, U. of Denver, 1951; Director, Rel. Work, Cornell, 1954; President, Springfield College, 1958; Dean, SUNY (N. Y.), 1965; Amb. to United Nations, 1969; President, Kent State, 1971; President, Alaska Pacific University, 1977; WIFE: Eva Belle; CHILDREN: Linda E., Richard

PITNEY, DEBORAH GRACE\* . . . . . Oregon-Idaho Oregon-Idaho Conference; On trial, 1975; D, 1975; E, 1978; EDUCATION: San Diego State Univ., 1973; Methodist Theological School in Ohio, 1976; APPOINTMENTS: Southside Blvd. and Kuna, Idaho, 1976; Alaska Missionary Conference, Nome, Aywaan Bering Sea Larger Parish, 1981; HUSBAND: John Edward; CHILDREN: Joel, Erin

**PITNEY, JOHN EDWARD\*** . . . . .Oregon-Idaho  
Oregon-Idaho Conference; On trial, 1974; D, 1974; E, 1978; EDUCATION: Oregon-State  
University, 1971; Methodist Theological School in Ohio, 1976; APPOINTMENTS: Methesco  
Early Childhood Center, 1975; Southside Blvd. and Kuna, Idaho, 1976; Alaska Missionary  
Conference, Nome, Aywaan Bering Sea Larger Parish, 1981; WIFE: Deborah Grace;  
CHILDREN: Joel, Erin

**SECKEL, CAROL ANN\*** . . . . .Oregon-Idaho  
Oregon-Idaho; On trial, 1975; D, 1975; E, 1980; EDUCATION: University of Toledo, 1971;  
Methodist Theological Seminary in Ohio, 1978; APPOINTMENTS: Middleburg, Ohio, 1975;  
Beatty-Chiloquin-Ft. Klamath-Williamson River, 1978; Alaska Missionary Conference, Sitka,  
1982; HUSBAND: Kevin; CHILDREN: Joshua Allen, Jason Andrew, Jeremy Jacob

**SECKEL, RICHARD KEVIN\*** . . . . .Oregon-Idaho  
West Ohio; On trial, 1977; D, 1977; Oregon-Idaho, E, 1980; EDUCATION: University of  
Toledo, 1971; Methodist Theological Seminary in Ohio, 1978; APPOINTMENTS: Beatty-  
Chiloquin-Ft. Klamath-Williamson River, 1978; Alaska Missionary Conference, Sitka, 1982;  
WIFE: Carol Ann; CHILDREN: Joshua Allen, Jason Andrew, Jeremy Jacob

**SHAFFER, JOHN JAY\*** . . . . .Central Illinois  
Central Illinois Conference; On trial, 1960; D, 1960; E, 1962; EDUCATION: Illinois  
Wesleyan University, 1959; Garrett Evangelical Seminary, 1962; APPOINTMENTS: Central  
Illinois Conference, Wapella, 1958; Danville, St. James (Associate), 1959; Alaska Mission,  
Kenai, 1962; Chugiak, 1965; Juneau, 1969; Juneau-Douglas, 1970; Nome, 1974; Nome,  
Aywaan Bering Sea Larger Parish, 1976; East Anchorage, 1981; WIFE: Barbara

**STANTON, EDMUND BRADLEY\*** . . . . .Oregon-Idaho  
Oregon-Idaho Conference; On trial, 1950; D, 1952; E, 1955; EDUCATION: University of  
Puget Sound, 1950; Garrett Evangelical Seminary (B. D.), 1953; Updated to M. Div., 1972;  
APPOINTMENTS: Chiloquin, Oregon, 1953; Alaska Mission, Douglas, 1956; Metlakatla,  
1961; Oregon-Idaho Conference, American Falls, 1962; Caldwell, 1965; Gooding, 1968;  
Boise-Whitney, 1971; Alaska Missionary Conference Superintendent, 1978; Homer, 1983;  
WIFE: Blythe C.; CHILDREN: Wesley Edmund, Judith Lynn, Janet Kay

**STILL, WILLIAM S., III\*** . . . . .North Mississippi  
North Mississippi Conference; D, 1977; E, 1979; EDUCATION: Millsap College, 1975;  
Asbury Theological Seminary, 1978; APPOINTMENTS: First, Corinth, 1979; Alaska Missionary  
Conference, North Star, North Kenai, 1981; WIFE: Ann; CHILDREN: Christopher  
William, Joseph

**TINDELL, JOHN RAYMOND\*** . . . . .Florida  
Florida Conference; On trial, 1959; D, 1959; E, 1963; EDUCATION: Florida Southern  
College, 1958; Candler School of Theology, 1961; Student University of Edinburgh, 1964;  
APPOINTMENTS: Florida Conference, Mirimar, 1961; Alaska Mission, Sitka, 1965; East  
Anchorage, 1970; Juneau-Northern Light United Church, 1974; WIFE: Beryl; CHILDREN:  
Raymond Sidney, Cynthia Adair

**TRUDEAU, WILLIAM GEORGE\*** . . . . .Detroit  
Detroit Conference; On trial, 1965; D, 1965; E, 1969; EDUCATION: Adrian College, 1964;  
Perkins School of Theology, 1968; APPOINTMENTS: Wesley Foundation, Ohio State University  
(Associate), 1967; Alaska Mission, Douglas, 1968; Nome Community Center, Inc.,  
Director, 1970; Nome Church, Director of Community Center, 1973; Turnagain, 1974;  
Ketchikan, 1982; WIFE: Danita; CHILDREN: David William

**VOSTRY, ROBERT MELVIN\*** . . . . .Detroit  
Detroit Conference; On trial 1973; D, 1973; E, 1979; EDUCATION: Central Michigan  
University, Asbury Theological Seminary, 1977; APPOINTMENTS: Alaska Missionary Conference,  
Chaplain, Trans-Alaska Pipeline, 1975; Worker-Priest, North Star, 1977; North Star,  
1978; Ketchikan, Associate, 9/1/81; Attend School, 1983; WIFE: Debbie

**WADE, BRADLEY D\*** . . . . .Central Illinois  
Central Illinois Conference; On trial, 1975; D, 1975; E, 1978; EDUCATION: Sangamon  
State University, 1974; Drew Theological Seminary, 1977; APPOINTMENTS: Hope,  
Streator, Ill., 1977; Alaska Missionary Conference, Kenai, 1980; WIFE: Marcia L.;  
CHILDREN: Adam Wesley, Andrew Douglass

**WISE, KEITH BURNELL\*** . . . . . Southern New Jersey  
East Pennsylvania Conference (EUB); On trial, 1962; E, 1964; **EDUCATION:** Lebanon  
Valley College, 1961; United Theological Seminary, 1964; **APPOINTMENTS:** Student  
Pastor, Bellegrove, Pa., 1960; Youth Director, Santa Clara Christian Church, Dayton, Ohio,  
1961; Wiconisco-Loyalton, 1964; Clarksboro, 1968; Clarksboro, Southern New Jersey  
Conference, 1969; Alaska Missionary Conference, Homer Parish, 1972; New Hope  
Methodist-Presbyterian, North Pole, 1983; **WIFE:** Patricia; **CHILDREN:** Kathleen, Michael,  
Matthew, Kristin

**YOUNG, CHARLES LESLIE\*** . . . . . Northern Illinois  
Northern Illinois/Alaska Missionary Conference—Special Appointment Class II; On trial,  
1962; D, 1962; E, 1966; **EDUCATION:** Ohio Wesleyan University, 1961; Garrett Evangeli-  
cal Theological Seminary, 1966; **APPOINTMENTS:** Grace, Lake Bluff (Associate), 1962;  
Harlem, Rockford, Ill., 1966; Director of Genesis House Community Center, 1969; North  
Boone Parish, 1973; United Campus Ministry, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, 1978; **WIFE:**  
Gerry Arleta; **CHILDREN:** Julie Ann, Allison Anne, Christopher George

#### DEACONESSSES/HOME MISSIONARIES

**DOVERSPIKE, KIM\*** . . . . . Wisconsin  
Home Missionary, Commissioned, 1968; **EDUCATION:** North Central College

**RINGENBURG, PRISCILLA** . . . . . West Ohio  
Commissioned Deaconess, 1975; Diaconal Minister, 1978; **APPOINTMENTS:** Methodist  
Hospital, Jacksonville, Florida, 1975; Maynard McDougall Memorial Hospital, Nome,  
Alaska, 1976; Norton Sound Regional Hospital, Nome, 1977

**WASHBURN, CHERYL T.** . . . . .  
Commissioned Diaconal Minister, 1978; **APPOINTMENTS:** Board of Discipleship, Nashville,  
Tn., 1978; First UMC, Moore, Ok., 1979; Church Careers Program, Centenary College of  
Louisiana, 1981; First UMC, Fairbanks, 1982; **SPOUSE:** John

\*—Home Missionary

\*\*—Special appointment in Alaska by another bishop



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State and ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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Education: \_\_\_\_\_

Appointments: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date information supplied \_\_\_\_\_

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## *CORRECTIONS*

### **CORRECTION NOTATION**

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